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ADMISSION FREE

ALONE IN THE WORLD

YOUTH WHO DRIFTED TO LONDON

Stated to be the son of a Broadstairs man who was killed while evacuating troops from Dunkirk in his own yacht, Harry Townsend, aged 18 years, appeared at Thames police court last week charged with stealing an A.R.P. uniform and a whistle from the Jewish Temporary Shelter, Mansell-street, Stepney, where he had spent a night.

A detective officer stated that he saw Townsend in Cambridge Heath-road, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, carrying the property, and asked him where he got it. At first Townsend said it was his brother's, but he did not know where his brother was. He was arrested pending inquiries, and, on the way to the police station, he admitted he had stolen the property from the Jewish Temporary Shelter, where he had spent the previous night.

It was stated that Townsend, whose mother died about 18 months previously, was left alone in the world and, drifting about on money left him by his father, eventually arrived in London, where he lived in various hostels.

Following a suggestion that a medical report would be useful to the court, the youth was remanded in custody pending a medical examination.

BONUS FOR OFFICIALS AT WAR

The 6 per cent. cost of living bonus granted to Broadstairs Council officials whose normal salary is less than £250 a year is to be extended to include officers on war service as from 6th January last.

"I feel that whatever vicissitudes this summer may bring, the end will be that the Germans will again be defeated."—Field-Marshal J. C. Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 10.54 p.m.—5.4 a.m.
Wednesday	.. 10.55 p.m.—5.3 a.m.
Thursday	... 10.56 p.m.—5.2 a.m.
Friday	... 10.57 p.m.—5.2 a.m.
Saturday	... 10.58 p.m.—5.2 a.m.
Sunday	... 10.59 p.m.—5.1 a.m.
Monday	... 11.0 p.m.—5.1 a.m.

£384,353

WELL DONE THANET

WAR WEAPONS WEEK TOTALS

RAMSGATE

	£	s.	d.
Opening figure	53,739	15	0
Saturday	12,142	18	7
Monday	12,776	12	0
Tuesday	10,288	2	6
Wednesday	11,796	9	2
Thursday	20,480	0	6
Friday	20,237	9	6
Saturday	24,049	15	6
Total to Saturday	£165,511	2	9

MARGATE

	£	s.	d.
Saturday	25,489	0	0
Monday	23,486	0	0
Tuesday	18,221	0	0
Wednesday	21,505	0	0
Thursday	27,587	0	0
Friday	7,849	0	0
Saturday	26,894	0	0
Total to Saturday	£151,031	0	0

BROADSTAIRS

	£	s.	d.
Opening figure	35,000	0	0
Saturday	955	0	0
Monday	11,900	0	0
Tuesday	3,421	0	0
Wednesday	2,635	0	0
Thursday	7,193	0	0
Friday	2,326	0	0
Saturday	4,381	0	0
Total to Saturday	£67,811	0	0

BATTLE FOR CRETE

TWO OLD ST. GEORGIANS MISSING

Two old boys of St. George's School, Ramsgate, have been posted missing following the Admiralty announcement last week that two cruisers and four destroyers of the Royal Navy had been sunk during the fighting in the eastern Mediterranean.

Elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashenden, of Sydney-road, Ramsgate, Robert Ashenden, who served as officers' cook on H.M.S. Ajax, was aboard the destroyer Kelly, which was bombed in the savage attacks on Crete.

Following the Battle of the River Plate in 1939, when the German battleship Graf Spee was scuttled, Ashenden returned to this country and took part in the evacuation of the Allied Armies from Dunkirk.

Aged about 25 years, he has a brother also serving in the Navy.

The other old St. Georgian is Leonard Bowley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bowley, of Ramsgate. He was aboard the cruiser Gloucester, which was also sunk near Crete. He is about 21 years of age.

Ashenden and Bowley were at one time members of the Ramsgate East Cliff Boy Scout troop, and news that they are missing is contained in the June issue of the monthly News-Letter, the organ of the troop.

WEEK'S HOLIDAY FOR OFFICIALS

Having regard to the general situation, Broadstairs Council have decided that the annual holiday of officials shall be curtailed this year to a period of one week.

MARGATE COUNCILLOR'S DEATH

The funeral took place at Cheltenham, following cremation, on Friday, of Mr. Charles Herbert Whittaker, a member of Margate Town Council who died at Hereford last week.

Councillor Whittaker, who joined the Council in 1939 as a representative of the Cliftonville ward, following his retirement from the position of publicity manager to a firm of chocolate manufacturers, was about 70 years of age.

RAMSGATE TOPS THE BILL

AN AMAZING TOTAL

£165,511

By a brilliant final spurt Ramsgate War Weapons Week, which ended on Saturday, reached the amazing total of £165,511 2s. 9d.

And it was the "man in the street," of whom we have so often heard, who did it.

There were, of course, the usual big investments by the banks and insurance companies but it was the small investor who made possible such a wonderful achievement.

When a Ramsgate War Weapons Week was first suggested there were some who doubted, with the population down to about 14,000, whether it would be possible to raise £5,000.

However, the committee decided on then what seemed the fantastic sum of £55,000 as the Ramsgate objective.

Within a fortnight it was apparent that this figure would easily be attained so the objective was increased to £75,000. The opening figure for the week was £53,739 and there were high hopes that £100,000 would be reached.

On Thursday people "in the know" spoke in whispers of £125,000 but when Saturday arrived the score board was £141,000. The objective was then again raised to £150,000 and before the exhibition closed its doors at 9 p.m. it was known that the figure exceeded £161,000. The following day a more or less final figure of £165,511 was announced.

Undoubtedly one big factor in the success of the week was the Trophies Exhibition organised by Mr. Sid Winter. An official of the National Savings movement who visited the town on Friday expressed the view that it was the finest staged in Kent.

Throughout the week the exhibition was the hub of the town and people visited it time after time. Late on Saturday night there was still a queue at the Selling Centre, where Mr. J. M. West and Mr. H. E. Wright, chairman and secretary of the Bonds Committee, assisted by some very capable volunteers, had done record business in a swift and capable manner throughout the week.

THE FINAL DAY

Not even the most sanguine believed that a further £20,000 would be raised on the final day.

People queued up at the Selling Centre at the exhibition and the Post Office was packed with people "investing for victory."

Throughout Saturday the progress was recorded hourly from four o'clock. This is the way in which the figures soared:

Noon	...	£141,461
1 p.m.	...	£142,468
4 p.m.	...	£147,095
5 p.m.	...	£148,831
6 p.m.	...	£149,764
7 p.m.	...	£152,904
8 p.m.	...	£156,104
9 p.m.	...	£161,057

This record achievement is mainly due to the small investor. Nearly £80,000 was subscribed by Ramsgate people and this included very few sums running into four figures. It was the £1, £5, £10, £20, with a liberal sprinkling of £100, £200 and £500 investments that sent the barometer soaring.

The intense interest taken by everyone in the week was reflected in the crowd which thronged the exhibition on Saturday. The crowd cheered each time the figures were announced, and the final figure was awaited with almost as much interest as a Parliamentary election result.

Pounds From Competitions.

Sums raised by the various competitions held at the exhibition were announced as follows: Cake, £8 4s.; cardigan (won by Miss Ena Kelsey), £6 9s. 8d.; set of undies, £6 16s.; football, £6 10s. 10d.; Fire Brigade, £18 5s. 3d.; bed jacket, £7 19s. The first three competitions were organised by the ladies responsible for the W.V.S. stall.

The golliwogs made by the Mayoress, Mrs. Peete, Mrs. Mason and other volunteers brought in the fine sum of £63, and initials on the cloth, which is to be worked and presented to the town as a souvenir of the week, accounted for a further £27 4s.

The auction by Mr. Leslie Hogbin of a number of gifts added a further £17 10s. 6d. to the funds. A ton of coal realised £3 8s. and a box of onions 10s. A German dress sword added 10s. and six tumblers taken out of a wreck on the Goodwin Sands 40 years ago were sold for 25s. Three pairs of silk stockings which went for an average of 6s. a pair would have fetched a higher price had it been known that they would be rationed the following day.

Wonderful Response.

Announcing the figure of £161,057 at nine o'clock, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said when the week was first contemplated he was not very happy about it, but everyone in the town had responded in a wonderful manner to bring about such a fine result. Everyone had tried to do something. They were proud of the fact that Ramsgate, although it had had so much trouble, had reached such a splendid total.

"I think you should go home feeling jolly pleased with yourselves," said the Mayor.

Paying a tribute to Mr. Sid Winter, hon. secretary of the week and organiser of the exhibition, the Mayor said he had worked very hard and spared no effort. Mr. Barney had ably assisted him and everyone connected with the week had worked well. It had been a united effort and they had got to be a united town. The winning of the war was not going to be an easy job and it meant that everyone had got to do something.

Speaking earlier in the evening the Mayor asked Ramsgate people to get into the habit of inviting soldiers into their homes for a cup of tea.

£-s.-d. of the Week.

The Selling Centre at the exhibition handled no less a sum than £4,196 16s. 9d.

During the week Savings Stamps brought in £485. National Savings Certificates £18,801 and 3 per cent. Defence Bonds £23,495. Deposits at the Post Office Savings Bank amounted to £8,332 8s. 5d.

The patriotic spirit of the Ramsgate people was again demonstrated by the fact that £1,200 was lent to the Government free of interest. This figure was made up of a considerable number of small sums.

Among the prominent Ramsgate people now living away from the town who made investments in support of Ramsgate's effort were Sir John Bayley and Alderman A. Keen.

Gifts in cash, which amounted to £36 16s. 7d., included sums from Mr. and Mrs. Garvey, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Batten, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mummery and their customers, Messrs. Blinko and Sons, St. Luke's Schools, Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club and Institute, Mr. E. R. Hampson, staff and customers of Messrs. J. H. Dewhurst Ltd., Holy Trinity whist drive, a Ramsgate evacuee, A. W. Goodwin, anonymous—farthings (two lots), a Ramsgate evacuee at Rubery, and an old age pensioner.

A special savings effort in support of the week was made by the boys of Chatham House School evacuated to Stafford.

A.F.S. CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Among the 15s. Certificate winners in the A.F.S. "squares" competition were:

Mr. Pidduck, 4 Walnut-cottages, Haine;
W. A. Taylor, Ellington A.F.S.;
Kemp, 27 Bloomsbury-road;
B. Dennehy, 16 North-avenue;
N. Brown;
G. Jenner;
T. Bushell, Fire Station;
Mrs. Holliday, 28 Upper Dumpton Park-road;
Mrs. P. G. Goldsmith, 27 Stanley-road;
Mr. Ansell, 385 Margate-road;
W. E. Fuller, Ellington;
A. Twyman, 10 Shaftesbury-street;
H. Miriams, 14 Sydney-road;
Mrs. Simonson;
G. T. Hall, 45 St. Andrew's-road;
L/A/C Attwood;
B. Griggs, 10 Rosebery-avenue;

ENOUGH FOR FOUR TANKS

£67,811 AT BROADSTAIRS

With its population reduced to less than 4,000, a quarter of the peace-time figure, Broadstairs had increased its Weapons Week investments to the surprising sum of £67,811 when the week ended on Saturday.

The final figure raised during the week will be a little more than that announced on Saturday, and it is probable that altogether more than £68,000 has been reached.

Although a proportion of the money was invested by banks and insurance companies, the people of Broadstairs and St. Peter's rallied wholeheartedly and the response was largely due to the efforts of individuals.

When it was first suggested that the town should organise a Weapons Week it seemed doubtful weather the aim of £30,000—with which it was hoped to purchase two medium tanks—would be reached.

On the first day of the week, however, the indicator pointed to £35,000 and there was a steady rise throughout the week until on Thursday the target had been doubled. The indicator had then reached £60,063 and money was still being invested.

On Saturday it was announced by the chairman of the Council (Councillor B. J. Pearson) at a dance at the Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, that the score totalled £67,811 14s. and Councillor Pearson said he was confident that the final figure would exceed £68,000.

One of the chief attractions arranged by the committee, under the chairmanship of Councillor Pearson, and with Mr. F. Ward acting as secretary, was the War Trophies Exhibition at the Gymnasium, Pierremont Hall. Members of the civil defence services, A.R.P. wardens, and the W.V.S., together with other volunteers, also worked efficiently to achieve success.

Among those who helped to swell the total investments during Weapons Week at Broadstairs was Mr. George Monk, licensee of the Star Inn, Westwood, who collected £3 8s. 6d.

Competition Winners.

The last social event held in connection with Broadstairs Weapons Week—a dance at the Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, on Saturday—was attended by nearly 300 people.

During an interval the names of prizewinners of Weapons Week competitions were announced.

Loud applause greeted the announcement by Councillor B. J. Pearson, chairman of the Council, that the town's original aim of £30,000 had been doubled with over £7,000 to spare.

"Our War Weapons Week will soon be closing down, and I am sure you would like to know the total up to midday to-day. It was £67,811 14s., and I am confident that it will reach £68,000 altogether," said Councillor Pearson, thanking the people of Broadstairs and St. Peter's who had supported the week.

Councillor Pearson thanked the hard-working Weapons Week Committee, the civil defence services and Mr. F. G. Ward, secretary of the War Weapons Week Committee, for their efforts.

Councillor G. W. Lane was assisted by Mrs. Pearson when the names of prizewinners were announced.

Prizewinners were:
Ten National Savings Certificates—Douglas Saxford, 3 Chaucer-road, Broadstairs;
Five Certificates—Mr. R. West, 28a High-street, Broadstairs;
One Certificate—Mr. A. Sherwood, 29 Edge End-road, Broadstairs;
P. Bottomley, Stanley-road, Kensington;
Mrs. Brett, 36 Church-street, St. Peter's;
Miss C. M. Weir, 11 Lloyd-road, Broadstairs;
H. Welling, Westdeane, Prospect-road, Broadstairs;
Mrs. Mercer, 21 West Cliff-road, Broadstairs;
Mr. J. Brown, 15 Westover-road, St. Peter's.

Councillor Lane announced that over £80 had been realised by the sale of programmes

Music at the dance was provided by Broadstairs A.F.S. band.

"WE'VE DONE IT"

MARGATE OBJECTIVE TREBLED

£151,000 TO BUY ARMS

Margate more than trebled its original War Weapons Week objective of £50,000.

Savings slumped on Friday but Saturday added a further £26,894 and at the end of the day it was announced that a grand total of £151,031 had been reached.

Saturday's Post Office figures are not included in this sum and it is possible that the final total will be nearer £155,000.

The Margate figure includes £16,116 from Birchington, which set out to get £5,000, and £8,500 from Westgate-on-Sea.

"We've done it."

With these words the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) announced to a big crowd in Cecil-square on Saturday evening that the objective of £150,000 had been passed.

Never before in the history of Margate had there been such enthusiasm and desire on the part of the people to take part in a great national service, said the Mayor.

Thanking the people of Margate on behalf of the Government, Alderman Hoare said they had the right type of material in the lads of the Empire but they lacked those weapons which Germany had been building up for years. The desire of the British people that they should have those weapons had been keenly expressed throughout the country by the response to war weapons weeks and the Government would see to it that they were provided.

A debt of gratitude, said the Mayor, was due to the whole of the Isle of Thanet, which had suffered since the war started as no other area in the country had done.

Thanking all who had contributed to the success of the week, the Mayor added "I hope that after this week we shall not all go back into our shells, where we have been in the past months, but will develop this social contact more freely."

Competition Winners.

The winners of the savings competition were announced as follows:

Ten certificates each (value £7 10s.)—Miss Terry, 7 Hill-view, Shottendane-road, Margate; L. Gilham, 123 Byron-avenue, Margate; and L. F. Clifford, 17 Victoria-street, S.W.1;

Five certificates each (value £3 15s.)—P. Dewell, 40 Dane-road, Margate; D. T. Gregory, 8 Fulham-avenue, Garlinge; and Mrs. Bailey, 8 Barnes-avenue, Margate;

One certificate each (value 15s.)—Harriss, 5 Canterbury-road, Margate; C. Gander, 40 Cliftonville-avenue, Margate; John Scarlett, 20 Westonville-avenue, Margate; Mr. A. Chapman, 30 Victoria-avenue, Margate; Mr. P. E. Caplin, Westminster Bank, Westgate; Mr. Manley, 10 Alexandra-terrace, Margate; Mr. R. Latter, 19 Hertford-road, Margate; Mrs. Hutton, 2 Marlowe-road, Margate; "Gran," 132 Grosvenor-place, Margate; Mrs. L. K. Winch, 35 Byron-avenue, Margate; C. W. Laslett, N.A.A.F.I., Broadstairs; M. Baker, 125 Shaftesbury-avenue, W.C.2; Mr. Street, 23 Upper Dane-road, Margate; Balaam, c/o Harvey's Hotel, Margate; E. Schlesinger, 103 Bryanston-court, W.1; Mrs. Ling, White House, Birchington; Miss H. Matthews, Old Beech Hyde, Wheathampstead, Herts; R. Oxley, 5 Wokingham-road, Reading; J. Weston, 55 Coleshill-street, Fazeley, Tamworth; E. Edmed, Westgate Club, Westgate; J. Young, Birchington; Mrs. Hawes, 6 Dane Hill-row, Margate; G. F. Williams, 20 Randolph-road, Maida Vale, W.9; R. M. Marshall, H.M. Minelayer, c/o G.P.O., London; Betty Read, Post Office, St. Nicholas; H. Austin, 4 Westbrook-avenue, Margate; J. S. Arnold, 16 Marine-terrace, Margate; D. Medhurst, 5 Fitzroy-avenue, Margate; Miss Edwards, Linksview, Westgate; G. Pamflett, 132 High-street, Margate.

Results of other competitions were announced as follows: Rabbit—Mr. Fuscoe; large toy panda—Mrs. Curtis, College-road (jumble sale competition); teddy bear—Willis.

MINSTER RAISED £6,500

Minster raised 13 times their modest aim of £500 during their Weapons Week, held from 17th to 24th May, and the final figures, revealed at a meeting of the committee on Thursday, showed that the village contributed a total sum of £6,513 8s. 5½d.

During the week an average of £930 daily was invested, which gives a figure of approximately £3 per head of the population.

No large sums were received from individuals and the total money has been entirely subscribed by small donations from all the residents.

The committee appointed to organise Minster's week consisted of Mr. W. Loveday (chairman), Mr. W. H. Cheesman (secretary), Councillor G. M. Norton, Mr. F. Worley, Mr. J. F. Worley, Miss Wellard, Miss Jobson and Mrs. Lucas.

Money From the Villages.

Altogether Sandwich and Eastry rural district week, of which Minster formed part, realised £107,238.

The outstanding village effort was Acol, which subscribed £1,438, an average of well over £9 per head of the population. Sarre, with a population of 96, reached £740, and St. Nicholas contributed £1,368.

WEEKLY RATES

PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS AT BROADSTAIRS

The payment of rates by weekly instalments has been adopted by the Finance Committee of Broadstairs Council.

At the meeting of the Council on Monday the committee recommended that the Rating Officer, Mr. W. H. B. White, be instructed to prepare the necessary forms and account books required for such a method of collection and that he be empowered to engage such additional clerical assistance as may be necessary in order to deal with the extra work which the operation of the scheme will involve.

The recommendation was approved by the Council.

At three meetings during May the committee considered applications received from ratepayers to be excused payment of rates on the ground of hardship.

At the third meeting, having completed consideration of the applications received up to 20th May, the committee agreed to remit payment of the general and water rates due from the persons whose names appeared in a register, numbered 1 to 136 inclusive, to the extent of the amounts appearing against their names.

In all cases where ratepayers who were in arrear with payment for the year ended 31st March last had not replied to communications addressed to them, the Rating Officer was instructed to give final notice requiring payment within seven days.

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THIS TIME LAST YEAR . . .

". . . The night of 1st June saw the peak of the evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk, when returning troops passed through the town and the more seriously wounded filled the wards of the hospital.

"The patients treated at that time included British, French, Belgian and Dutch sailors; British, French and Dutch soldiers; our own airmen; British, French, Belgian, Dutch, Norwegian and Latvian merchant seamen; Dutch refugees, and a German parachutist made a prisoner by Dutch sailors before they left their own shores . . . ."

—Extract from the records of Ramsgate General Hospital.

NIGHT ON DUTY

COSTS HOME GUARD £1

A Ramsgate shop manager who returned after a night's duty with the Home Guard to find that the police had removed the ignition key and rotor arm from his car was summoned at Ramsgate police court on Friday.

Sidney Thomas Groombridge, aged 36, of St. Nicholas, London-road, was summoned for failing to immobilise the car on 15th May.

P/C Bourne said that at 11.15 p.m. he examined a motor car in the garage adjoining St. Nicholas. The car had not been immobilised and W/R Spratling was able to start the engine. He removed the rotor arm and ignition key, which witness brought to the police station

In reply to defendant, witness said the door of the garage was closed but it was not secure.

W/R Spratling said that when he pushed the door of the garage it opened. On leaving he tried to secure the door but was unable to do so.

P/C Jordan, who interviewed defendant the following morning, said Groombridge told him he returned home from business at Sevenoaks at 8.30 the previous evening. He was due on Home Guard duty at nine o'clock and, slamming the garage door in the usual way, thought it was locked. When he came off Home Guard duty at 5 a.m. he noticed that the police had been there and found everything in order. It was not until later in the morning that he discovered the ignition key and rotor arm had been removed.

Defendant repeated this explanation to the magistrates.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): You will be fined £1.

Defendant: I will pay now. War Weapons Week will have to be that much short.

Jamming a Lorry.

Edwin Brown, aged 36, lorry driver, of Southwood-road, was summoned for a similar offence on 9th May.

P/C Close said at 12.30 a.m. he saw a lorry parked in the yard beside the Vale Tavern. Both doors were unlocked and the rotor arm was intact. The ignition key had been removed but the vehicle was capable of being started.

When interviewed by P/C Bourne later in the morning defendant said "I did not immobilise the car because it was jammed behind another lorry and it was impossible for anyone to move it."

Defendant told the magistrates that the rotor arm had jammed. He could have forced it out with a screwdriver but had he broken it he would have been unable to take some men to their work the following morning. He ran his lorry into the yard and asked the driver of another lorry to run in behind him and immobilise his lorry. It would have taken ten men to have shifted the second lorry in order to get to his car. He hid the starting handle.

C/I Butcher said defendant's employers had been seen and stated that the manner in which the lorry was left was contrary to their instructions. In the view of the police the presence of another lorry made the offence worse.

Defendant was fined £1.

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SCALE OF CHARGES

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9 —	9d.	1/2	1/6	2/3	3/9	6/9	11/3
12 —	1/-	1/6	2/-	3/3	5/9	9/9	17/3
15 —	1/3	2/-	2/6	4/3	7/9	12/9	23/3
18 —	1/6	2/3	3/-	5/-	9/-	15/-	27/-
21 —	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-
24 —	2/-	3/-	4/-	7/-	13/-	21/-	39/-
27 —	2/3	3/6	4/6	8/-	15/-	24/-	45/-
30 —	2/6	3/9	5/-	9/-	17/-	27/-	51/-
36 —	3/-	4/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-	54/-

SITUATIONS VACANT

BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL (for Mental and Nervous Disorders), Monk's Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent.—Vacancies exist for a limited number of educated young women between the ages of 18 and 30 who wish to train as Mental Nurses; the hospital is recognised as a training school by the General Nursing Council, and facilities are provided for students who wish to take their general training after obtaining their certificate in mental nursing; commencing salary 24/- per week, no deduction for board, lodging and laundry, ration allowance paid during periods of annual leave; hours of duty 54 per week.—Apply the Matron.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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WOMEN'S CHAT

'C' FOR SALAD

Spring weather is lovely, but it does make some of us feel tired. "Ah," we say, "we need a tonic, a pick-me-up."

Really, however, Nature is providing us with all the tonics we need if we eat sensibly.

At this time, more than ever, we need Vitamin C, not only for our health, but to give us clear skins and bright, fresh-looking eyes.

Looks as well as health are important in these harassing times.

The thing to do is to cut from our menus the heavy, rather heat-producing foods we have been glad of during the winter and substitute for them salads and vegetables, because in these green things we can get our daily dose of vitamin C without having to chase oranges and lemons or any other fruit.

Nature is good to us in that way, always providing an alternative.

How much vitamin C should we eat to keep us fit?

Everyone of us, children especially, needs 1,000 International Units daily, but don't let that official sounding statement worry you. Simply translated it means a good helping of potatoes and two helpings of vegetables, or potatoes and a big helping of salad each day.

Always be particularly greedy and "Popeyish" about spinach—it is richer in "C" than other vegetables, although brocolli is a good second and spring greens follow closely behind.

Green vegetables cooked in as little water as possible are good, but raw ones are even better, for then you get all the goodness and the boiling pot gets none.

C Salad.

Here is a good C salad:

- ½ lb. spinach
- 3 sprigs of young mint
- ½ bunch fresh watercress
- 1 carrot
- 3 spring onions
- 1 lb. potatoes
- 1 tablespoonful of salad oil and 1 dessertspoonful of vinegar

Wash the spinach, watercress and mint. Chop spinach and save the good juice that will run out.

Mix the spinach, cress and some mint and chopped onions, grate the carrot and sprinkle over.

Cook the potatoes and while still hot, dice them and toss them in the spinach juice, vinegar and oil, dust them with pepper. Sprinkle with more chopped mint or parsley. Serve with green salad and add, if you like, sliced cold sausage, meat or fish left over, grated cheese (about 1 oz.) or small cold savoury balls.

Remember that "salad" means a good mix-up, so put anything green and good into your salads.

Improve on that old "meat and two veg'" rule. Keep the potatoes on the list, but always have two or more vegetables to go with them.

Hot Vegetable Salad.

On a meatless day, try this recipe;

Serve potatoes, spinach, swedes, or little new turnips, peas and a spring onion or two, (all these vegetables can be cooked together) round small dumplings, with thick gravy made with the vegetable boilings. It is a delicious and satisfying meal. If the egg ration has not been used, add half a not too hard boiled egg instead of the dumplings, to each portion.

To get in a little more vitamin C during the day, keep a bowl of watercress on the kitchen table and eat a spring in passing, encourage the children to be little rabbits too.

RECRUITS URGENTLY WANTED

There is a particular need at the moment for motor drivers in the W.A.A.F. and ground-gunners for defence in the R.A.F.

Prospective recruits for these and other positions in the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. should apply by post to the R.A.F. Recruiting Depot, Chatham.

All applicants are assured of a prompt response.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

Passenger to Tubbercurry

By — L. A. G. STRONG

"There was a man complaining to me only yesterday," said Mr. Mangan, "that he is always bored travelling in a train. 'Talk to your neighbours,' said I to him. 'Ah,' he said, 'they're never interesting.'

"Now that's nonsense. I never travelled in a train but I met some interesting person, or heard some interesting story. Every person is interesting, if you only go the right way about them; often the most unpromising people, the people you'd think you had nothing in common with, or could never take to.

"I remember one time in particular, one conversation I had when everything promised the contrary. It was interesting in another way, too, and germane to what you were saying just now, sir, about the queer marriages people make, and the way some people's fate is changed altogether, and they translated out of their proper sphere of life into one as remote from them as life in the moon. Yes. It's remarkable how it fits in with what you have just been saying."

The carriageful of people were all now attending to Mr. Mangan. Even the shy clergyman in the corner, who had hidden behind his newspaper, moved one edge of it the better to see him.

"It was some years ago now," said Mr. Mangan, "and I was travelling from Bristol to Plymouth. We were held up outside Exeter, and kept ages waiting; when at last we crept into the station, we found there had been a landslide on the coast line further down and traffic had to be diverted. The station was full of confusion, and some trains, it appeared, had been split in half, and one part sent on and the other left behind, and passengers who had been in the luncheon-car found themselves divorced from their belongings they had left in the compartment, and were in a high state of indignation and protest. A little knot of them were chasing the stationmaster up and down the platform; he, poor man, distracted already with the whole weight of express and local traffic piling up on both lines and trying to keep pace with it and get it cleared away.

"While I watched this, my attention was caught by one man in particular, whom I wrote down at once as a retired Indian Army Colonel or general. You know the type—red face, bristling white moustache, and a state of perpetual splutter at anything and everything. The general was cursing the stationmaster in the most opprobrious language, and threatening to have the law on him if his personal effects, left in the compartment while he was taking luncheon, and now speeding independently southwards, were not immediately restored into his possession.

"'Oh, and how can I do that,' shouts the stationmaster, turning on him, 'when they're 27 minutes on the road?'

"'And how dare you send them off on the road, you blackguard!' shouts the general. 'How dare you separate a man from his belongings! Call yourself a stationmaster? Pah! You're nothing but a bungler, an incompetent bungler!'

"'Call yourself a gentleman?' shouts the stationmaster. 'Think I've got time to attend to you, or worry about your twopenny-halfpenny newspaper and your hat, with the whole express traffic of two lines on my hands?'

Emergency Train.

"A guard ran up to him then, and he went away, with the general and the rest of the crowd following. I waited till presently an emergency train labelled 'Plymouth' slid to the platform. It was made up of the most outlandish old carriages—I don't know where they got them out. A guard I'd been talking to, and made friends with, commiserating with him on the misfortune, took me by the arm and steered me into a queer little first-class coupe at the end of one of the coaches. 'There,' he said, 'you'll be comfortable there.' I got in and leaned out of the window, deriving a rich satisfaction from the scenes on the platform, and no one else came to dispute my coupe with me till at the last moment I heard a fuss and bother, and along came a couple of harassed officials with my friend the general, who was by now purple in the face and threatening to take the railway company and everybody else to the House of Lords for satisfaction. Somehow they hooshed him into my coupe, and blew whistles, and with a demented jerk off we went, to clatter along whole nets of little side alleys and branch lines on our belated way to Plymouth.

"My companion was still glaring and puffing and muttering. Ordinarily, he would have given me one glance and dismissed me as beneath his notice, but the strange occurrences of the morning had banished reserve, and, by expressing an indignation on my own account which I did not feel, I was soon on excellent terms with him, even going so far as to suggest the precise form of law under which he should sue those outrageous blackguards, the railway officials.

"One of the grievances still fermenting in his mind was that he had had to leave the luncheon-car without his coffee. We stopped presently at a wayside station, and I, ascertaining that we would be there some minutes, undertook to get some coffee for him. It was a bit of a job, but, by dint of telling the signalman and the stationmaster that he was a director and heaven knows what else, I did at last return triumphantly with some hideous-looking brown stuff in a cup, and presented it to my mollified companion.

"'Now, that's uncommonly civil of you, sir,' he said. 'Uncommonly civil.'

"I waited in apprehension for him to taste the stuff, for I had superintended its manufacture and knew exactly what the prospects were. He sat fiercely upright and drank it to the dregs. I waited for the explosion, but none came.

"'Are you travelling to Plymouth, too, sir?' I inquired of him.

"'I am,' he said, 'and if I miss that boat I'll salt these blackguards for an additional hundred pounds.'

"'Are you going to America, sir?'

"'America? Faugh! What would any man want to go to America for? No, sir, I am going to Ireland.'

"I was startled. I'd have expected nothing from him but denunciations of my native land.

"'A fine country, Ireland, sir, a fine country. I'm going on the B. and I. boat. Slow boat, but I like it. Come up on deck at six o'clock, and the crew turn the hose on me. Can't do that on the other boats. Dashed nincompoops. Best cold bath in the world, sir, best cold bath in the world.'

"'And what will you do when you get to Ireland, sir? Are you taking a holiday?'

"'Going to see my two daughters. They're at school in Tubbercurry,' and he proceeded to tell me one of the most remarkable stories ever I heard.

"He wasn't a colonel or a general at all, though he had been in India, and made quite a tidy packet of money in India or Malay, I forget which.

"'Yes,' he said, 'my daughters are in the convent at Tubbercurry. In my opinion, Ireland has some very fine educational establishments. This is their last term there. My wife is a Tubbercurry lady.'

"He looked at me very fiercely, as if challenging me to criticise or object. I made some reply of a sympathetic, approving kind. He kept his eyes on me and cleared his throat.

Strange Courtship.

"'Very many years ago, sir," he said, 'I landed one morning at Waterford and wandered about the place. I had little time to spare, and only went ashore to stretch my legs and send a few telegrams to business connections. I went into a humble shop for some tobacco quite on my own, and a girl served me. I had never had much to do with women, sir, and, beyond one or two half-hearted attempts, made more from a sense of what was expected of me than from anything else, I had never been in love. My dear sir—before I knew what I was doing, I was falling head, neck, and heels in love with this poor child. There was something about her which affected me like an earthquake. Under its strange compulsion I began questioning her, and she told me that she was leaving the shop that evening and returning to her people in Tubbercurry. I had never been in Ireland before, and knew nothing of it. My dear sir,'—he leaned forward with great earnestness and laid a hand upon my knee—'you will hardly believe me, but there and then I cancelled my trip, I let my luggage go on by itself (as it has to-day), and, half off my head, I forced my company upon that child. I met her at the station next morning. She was there, as she said she would be, but she never said a word when I came up to her. Indeed, all the journey she had little to say. I don't recollect a single thing about the journey except her wondering eyes. I don't remember to this day what I said or what I did. There was no love-making, no question of it. I just sat looking at her, quite off my head, and she never smiled, but was grave and serious.

"'When we came to Tubbercurry, she brought me to the smallest cottage on earth, and her family greeted me. They were studiously kind to me, and hid as best they could their surprise and apprehension. I stayed at a hotel, and—this is incredible to me to-day: it must be quite incredible to you, sir—I remained in that little town for nine weeks, paying my court and getting no encouragement from anyone. At length I managed to prevail upon her father and mother to send her back to school, to the convent where my girls are at this minute, so as to finish her education and teach her such things as I deemed expedient.

"'I went back to find my business in a sad tangle. I had dropped a great deal of money, but I was in love all the time. I wrote to her in the convent, but I never had a word from her. I could only hear from the nuns how she progressed. I was paying all her expenses through her mother, who had given me her confidence.

"'It seems my girl never told any person, not even her parents, the least thing of what was in her mind. At last I came back to Tubbercurry and, if she was silent before, she was even more silent now. But I was so much in love with her and had had so little to do with women that somehow her attitude did not bother me. Indeed, I never thought about it. I was content just to be there.

"'Well, I don't want to trouble you, sir—'

"Not at all, not at all."

"'—but after endless difficulties we got married there in Tubbercurry. She made no objection, and after that I brought her all around the world with me. I don't think there are many places, sir, where she has not been. My girls were each born in a different continent. I loved her more and more as time went on, and honestly I don't think there is on earth another woman like her. I have never heard of or read about such a woman. She is incapable of meanness and wrong: she is naturally right and good in her smallest actions.'

"I listened for miles and miles to this strange Englishman praising his Irish wife, and there was an earnest, convincing manner about him, a sweetness and simplicity of soul, that made me see his wife and value her almost as much as he did, so that I was on tenterhooks that he would tell me that she was dead, or something of the kind.

"'Finally,' he said, 'I settled her in Southampton, where we now have our home. Without the least pressure from her I followed her in all things. I have often wondered, in certain moments, what there is about her that attracts me and keeps me straight all these years. Her daughters are much like her, and all three of them seem foreign to me, but I never regret what I did. On the contrary, I bless heaven on my knees for the day I met her. I am what the world would call a rich man, sir, but I don't think my wife would spend a pound a week on herself if I did not watch her. She is the ideal woman, a being apart. The difficulty is to find anything she wants to spend money on. She never goes to the theatre, but she has a great weakness for circuses, and so I bring her about to any circus in any part of the country that I can find. I even pay people in certain towns to advise me when a travelling circus comes that way. It took me years to persuade her that I could afford a car, and for a long time she always blushed when she got into one. She is over 40 years of age now, sir, and her hair is raven black still.'

"He told me a lot more about her that I can't remember, before we parted at Plymouth. He shook me very heartily by the hand, and said he had enjoyed the journey and my company very much, and he hoped we would meet again some day. I bade him farewell, and asked if he would give my compliments to his wife as a fellow-countryman. He looked grave at that, and considered, but said that he would."

Mr. Mangan looked round at the people in the carriage. "Fancy that girl's romance of life," he said. "But for that chance meeting in the shop, she might just as easily have been the wife of a day-labourer in the west of Ireland. It would have made no difference to her, though. Her type is not as strange to me as it was to my friend. It is a type that would conquer right through in any circumstances . . . But tell me, now, wasn't that a queer story to meet with in the train?"

We agreed that it was.

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

THEY WATCHED THE PROCESSION

No, this is not Whitsun at Ramsgate. All the same it's good to see a crowd in the town again and here you see a section of the throng which attended the War Weapons Week procession.

A FORMIDABLE FORCE

HOME GUARD'S NEW WEAPONS

By a Military Correspondent.

In the first year of its existence the Home Guard grew and changed its functions to such an extent that its parent, Mr. Anthony Eden, might be forgiven if he hardly recognised his flourishing offspring.

(What will he think about it this time next year? How much strength will it have put on? How large a share will it have had in repelling the invasion if this should come in the second year of its existence?

No definite answer can be given to these questions and, if they could, the answers which would satisfy our curiosity would at the same time satisfy that of the Germans.

Nevertheless, by noting the increase in size and power and the change of function which the Home Guard has undergone since its inception, we may, perhaps, with a little imagination, forecast its development.

The Local Defence Volunteers, as they were originally called, sprang into being almost overnight, when, with France beaten, the defence of Britain to the last man was an imperative consideration.

One of the original difficulties was equipment, in that dark day when after Dunkirk we were rich in man-power and in nothing else.

That difficulty has been overcome. The Home Guard, wearing the King's uniform, is to-day equipped with the weapons best suited to its function. In addition to rifles, it has its own light and medium machine-guns; it has its issues of Tommy guns; it has several types of grenades.

What is more, several new weapons have recently been perfected for the special purpose of dealing with isolated tanks. These new arms will prove an especial boon to the Home Guard in the event of invasion.

An Armed Local Force.

Emphasis on the equipment of this new arm of our defence forces is evidence of how much the Home Guard's function has changed. It began as a unit with the job of warning regular troops of the whereabouts of the enemy in the event of invasion.

To-day it undertakes a bigger responsibility. It has the job of harassing and obstructing the enemy throughout its own locality. One of its great strengths is that, being a local force, it knows every nook and cranny of the land; and, being an armed local force, it is capable of dealing with small bodies of the enemy on its own ground.

It is not, of course, armed to cut off entire panzer divisions—it can only report such marauders to the Army—but it keeps watch for, and is equipped to deal with, the isolated tank, motor vehicles, infantry cyclists and parachutists.

When we recently received the unexpected visitor who landed in a ploughed field in Scotland, two Home Guards had him in safe keeping within a few minutes, and they are ready to extend the same welcome to the Führer or to any other Deputies he likes to send over.

There are still problems to be solved and perfections to be attained before the Home Guard is fully satisfied with itself. But the few men who were the first Local Defence Volunteers are to-day multiplied into a formidable force —the concrete expression of the Prime Minister's promise to fight on the beaches, in the fields, in the hills, and never to surrender.

In spite of the fact that the call-up has taken some from its ranks, the strength of the Home Guard has been maintained at its peak and in some places slightly increased. Cadet units of youths from the age of 17 have been formed and these volunteers are being trained to take the place of the men who are called up.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. H. SANDOM

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Wednesday of Mr. William Henry Sandom, of York-terrace, whose death at the age of 65 years, following an operation at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, was briefly reported in our last issue.

The interment at the Cemetery was preceded by a service conducted by the Rev. S. B. Green.

The mourners were Mrs. Rowe (sister) and Mrs. West, and a number of friends were present at the graveside.

Floral tributes included those from his sister Ada; Christine and Audrey; a dear friend and pal, Nellie; Mr. and Mrs. Woollett; Mr and Mrs. G. W. Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Bligh; Mr. and Mrs. Burt; Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Cage; Mr. Marzetti and family; officers and brethren of St. Æthelbyrht Lodge, No. 455; Ramsgate branch of The Buffs Past and Present Association; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Matthews; all at Prospect House; John and Rene; Mr. and Mrs. Hives and Jack.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son Ltd., of King-street, Ramsgate.

In the south-eastern division, 81 out of 89 prosecutions in April under the Food Control Order were successful.

BLITZED PALACE

DANGEROUS DAYS AT LAMBETH

Other Archbishops of Canterbury besides Dr. Lang and his predecessor—who resided there in the days of the Zeppelins—have undergone experiences more thrilling than pleasant at Lambeth Palace, which recently suffered so severely from enemy action.

These earlier Archbishops were, however, the victims of internal tumults rather than of invaders. For instance, the unfortunate Simon Sudbury, who became Archbishop in 1375, lost his life at the hands of the followers of the famous rebel, Wat Tyler, in 1381, when a mob plundered the Palace and destroyed much of its contents including irreplaceable records and registers.

A later Archbishop, who although he happily escaped being beheaded by an angry mob, had an unpleasant experience, was Frederick Cornwallis (1768-83), who held the primacy at the time of the Gordon Riots of 1780, when for some days the Palace was beset by a tumultuous assembly of men who "came to the Palace with drums and fifes and colours flying, crying 'No Popery'."

The situation was so threatening that the Archbishop "with his lady and family" were "with great difficulty" (as an historian assures us) "prevailed upon to quit the Palace," and detachments of the militia were posted at the Palace for over eight weeks. These soldiers seem to have been very hospitably entertained by His Grace's chaplains, and we are particularly assured that "a sufficient quantity of ale" was included in their rations!

Those were "old, unhappy, far off things," but the modern Blitz has been more destructive. Many a missionary bishop, in particular, who was consecrated in Lambeth Palace Chapel, will read with quite special distress of the damage there.

Primate's Trying Ordeal.

In his June letter to the diocese, the Archbishop of Canterbury writes:

The diocese will share my sorrow that Lambeth Palace, on 14th May, suffered further heavy and for the present irrevocable damage by bomb and fire. Five large bombs exploded within its precincts, and the library, the chapel, and the old Lollards' tower were set on fire. Before the fire could be controlled, half of the library roof and almost the whole of the chapel roof had been destroyed, and the contents of both seriously damaged. Although previous assaults had made it impossible for me to keep Lambeth as one of my homes, save for sleeping occasionally in the basement, I had hoped that the old historic fronts of the house might still be spared. This has now proved to be a vain hope. It is sad beyond words that a building which has been the home of the Archbishops for 800 years, and which has been so specially associated with the life of the Church and State for all these centuries, should now be a mere wreck.

I was there myself on that fateful night of 14th May, and the experience of crashing bombs and crackling flames was a trying ordeal: but fortunately no one was injured. It is useless to complain. The damage done to so many buildings which are part of our history, such as Westminster Abbey and Hall, the House of Commons, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Lambeth Palace, and to the homes of multitudes of our people, can only strengthen our resolve and our prayer that the tyranny of the evil force which has brought so much loss and misery to the world may be overthrown, and that God's children everywhere may be enabled to live together in freedom and in peace.

STAFFORD BRANCH

FOR OLD ST. GEORGIANS

Stafford is to have its own branch of the St. George's Old Boys' Association.

About 20 boys attended a meeting at St. Mary's School, Stafford, where St. George's Boys' School is installed, at which Mr. J. S. Houlton was elected president and Mr. William Redwood hon. secretary.

The school will be the headquarters and a table tennis club and a chess club have already been formed. Special facilities have been granted for the use of the town swimming bath and other activities proposed are a cycling club, cricket club and keep-fit club.

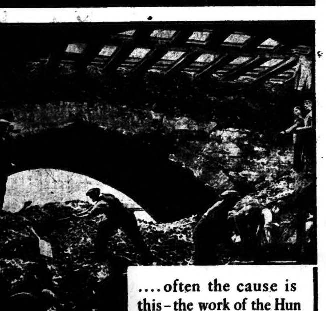
Friends in Ramsgate wishing to assist financially the new venture can do so, either through the Old Boys' Association locally or the Stafford hon. secretary at No. 14 Creswell-grove, Stafford.

GOLF CLUB MEMBERS

Sixty-three members of the North Foreland Golf Club have renewed their subscriptions for the present year and the receipts from this source have already exceeded expectations.

GRAZING INSTEAD OF GAMES

On the suggestion of Councillor J. A. Forde, Broadstairs Council have instructed the Surveyor, Mr. S. W. Richardson, to endeavour to obtain offers for the right to use St. Peter's and the Memorial recreation grounds for grazing by sheep.



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AN INNOCENT PLEASURE

By PHILOKUON

One of the latest photographs of Their Majesties shows them in a moment of relaxation such as is possible for all of us to enjoy.

Forgetting the worries of the times momentarily they were indulging in a little game with one of their dogs, a Welsh Corgi that we know is their constant attendant. No one will grudge them an innocent pleasure. There is a legend about St. John that has a moral for everyone. A young sportsman, who saw him stroking a tame bird, asked him why he indulged in pleasures so humble. The reply came in the form of another question. The sportsman had a bow in his hand. Why did he not always carry it bent?

It was explained that the weapon would lose its strength if he did from too continuous straining. "Then," said St. John, "let not this brief and slight relaxation of my mind offend thee, without which the spirit would flag from over exertion and not be able to respond to the call of duty when need required."

In these days, when most of us are keyed up to a high tension, it is more desirable than ever that we should be able to forget for brief intervals. Some seek relief in the pictures or music hall, others in football, greyhound racing or whatever amusements may be to their liking.

Our own particular diversion as dog lovers are cheaper than any of them and certainly harmless. Yet dogs, more than anything are singled out for criticism and contumely, and we are reproached with being unpatriotic. Butcher's meat, quite properly, is forbidden for them, and we have to be content with what we can get in the way of horseflesh and old cow beef that is unfit for human consumption. Dogs are a less tax upon the resources of the country than many other amusements to which exception is not taken.

I would answer our critics in the words of the author of Tristram Shandy, who was defending hobbies. Every man was all the better for a hobby, was his contention. "So long as man rides his Hobby-Horse peaceably and quietly along the King's highway, and neither compels me or you to get up behind him—pray, sir, what have either you or I to do with it?"

Dogs are a source of comfort to untold thousands. Lonely women find in them friends and protectors, and have an excuse to take the open-air exercise that is so beneficial to them. Why should they be made to feel that they are doing something outrageous in a diversion that harms no one?

The fighting men, too, are as keen on dogs as anyone, and it is a happy day for them when they are able to rejoin their friends at only too long intervals.

Shows have been stopped, except local Saturday afternoon or evening affairs, because it was felt that they would interfere with transport arrangements, and breeders of pedigree dogs have ceased operations for the time being, although there is still a demand from abroad for British dogs of a high class.

A.T.C. EXAMINATION

After sitting for their first examination, 27 members of the Margate Unit of No. 438 (Thanet) Squadron of the A.T.C. have been selected for training as air crew pilots, 21 as wireless and radio mechanics and 51 as flight mechanics or for some R.A.F. trade.

R. A. G. Simmons (over 17) was top with 282 marks, F. Wootton (under 17) came second with 255 and N. C. Bradgate (over 17) was third with 251.

BATTLE OF TRANSPORT

PART THE RAILWAYS PLAY

Lieut.-Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, who, when Minister of Transport, drove one of the S.R. stream lined locomotives "Channel Packet," a model of which appeared at Ramsgate Exhibition, contributes a foreword to the 1941 edition of "Facts About British Railways," which has just been issued.

In this, he writes "The mobilisation of transport for war started on 1st September, 1939. Two days later the battle had begun. An army of about 1½ million men fully equipped along a front of 20,000 miles of railway, 180,000 miles of roads and 2,500 miles of canals, as well as over 40 principal ports, went into action.

"Unlike that of Germany, our transport system was not built for war. There were no autobahnen and no strategic railways. Our communications were built for peace and the perfecting of this peace-time system as an instrument of war has been going on ever since that first day of September. Now it is a mighty war machine.

"Railways form the biggest part of the machine and as such they have been holding a particularly dangerous sector of the front line.

"The winter of 1940-41 has indeed been a hard one for both men and machines but there are two features of railway working which give me special cause for pride and confidence. One is the astonishing powers of recovery possessed by the railways; the other is the cool courage of all grades of workers.

"Bombed and machine - gunned, snowed up by storms of almost unparalleled severity, slowed down by unavoidable lighting restrictions, the railways have performed feats of engineering and operational skill in order to ensure that the nation's war effort is not held up.

"Railwaymen from the humblest to the highest are well content to let the facts speak for themselves."

During six days in June a year ago, 360 trains, 1,300 buses and 200 trams and trolley buses moved 111,000 children and their attendants out of London, but this was eclipsed by the special movements following the evacuation of the B.E.F. from Dunkirk when, within the space of eight days 620 trains carrying 300,000 troops were run without prior knowledge of their arrival at seven ports in the south-east of England, 2,000 carriages were formed into a pool, the whole of the movements being directed almost entirely by means of the telephone. At the busiest time 100 trains were worked in 24 hours. In addition, during the period of the evacuation the railways carried throughout the country 20,000,000 passengers and 6,000,000 tons of freight.

Copies of the booklet from which this is an extract can be obtained on application to the British Railways' Press Office, 2 Caxton-street, Westminster, S.W.1.

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Assault Leads to Bankruptcy

RAMSGATE MAN'S PETITION

A Ramsgate Corporation employee, John Beaconsfield Browning, of Plains of Waterloo, against whom a judgment for £50 and costs for assault was given in 1937, appeared for his public examination at Canterbury Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday.

The statement of affairs showed liabilities of £98 and assets of £10.

Debtor said he was in receipt of a disability pension of 12s. a week as a result of the last war. He was at present receiving £2 19s. 1d. a week as an employee of Ramsgate Corporation. In 1934 a house in Balmoral-place, Ramsgate, was bought in his name by Mrs. Gisby, with whom he lived. The sum of £160 was raised on mortgage and £40 was provided in cash by Mrs. Gisby. The house was put in his name in case there should be any dispute between the five children of Mrs. Gisby and his two children, of whom Mrs. Gisby was the mother.

In 1937 an action for assault was brought against him and judgment was given for £50 damages and £34 18s. 10d. costs. An offer to pay at the rate of 5s. a week was refused. Ten days after the judgment the house in Balmoral-place was transferred to Mrs. Gisby. In October, 1937, a judgment summons for £90 0s. 10d. was issued against him and he was ordered to pay £2 a month, subsequently reduced to £1 a month. A second judgment summons was issued in 1938 and he was arrested and detained at Brixton Prison for six weeks.

In January, 1940, he had an accident and sustained a broken ankle. He received his pay for a month and 30s. a week compensation for nine months. In April of this year an application was made for an order for payment under the judgment of 7s. 6d. a week, and he filed his petition as he could not pay.

It was suggested that debtor might have paid Mrs. Gisby less than £2 10s. a week for his board and lodgings but he replied that she would not keep him and his children for less.

The public examination was closed.

FIGHTER PILOT'S REQUIEM

[The following verses were written by an R.A.F. officer at an operational station of Fighter Command in memory of a colleague killed in the Defence of Britain.]

Here, in this quiet field beside the stream,
Pale and remote from war, your body lies,
The aerial strife is now a fading dream,
The anguish swift-gone as the wind's shrill cries.

No nightlong vigil proved your chivalry,
No haughty crest your helmet did adorn,
On steel-wing'd charger without livery,
You strode the sky and put the wind to scorn.

Never again the earth in small to spy,
Between the edges of a sund'ring cloud
No more against the carrion bird to fly,
With falcon stoop and cannon crying loud.

Never again to see your father's farm,
The treasur'd acres, the squat house, the womb
Of an old race; never on Exmoor warm
In sunlight hear hound music 'cross the combe.

Never to be old, never to lift your eye,
Nostalgic, seeking in the skies you knew
With ageing mind to catch the memory
Of days when England owed so much to you.

You were a son of Alfred and his men
Who stayed the pagan onslaught at Wedmore,
Crusaders sired you: Drake's blood nerved you when
You turn'd a new Armada from our shore.

England rejoice! Rejoice to know your land
Breeds men who count below your liberty
The tawdry goldlust and the craven band
Who'd freedom pawn for slaves' security.

Seamen, they say, rest happy on the bed
Of ocean, on whose breast they had their toil,
You, who the sky commanded, we instead
Commit with pride to the proud English soil.

MOTHERS CAUTIONED

Two mothers, Mrs. Elizabeth Hewett, of College-road, and Mrs. Florence Evelyn Le Mar, of Eaton-road, denied at Margate police court on Wednesday that they knew a quantity of articles brought home by their 16-year-old sons had been stolen from a shop on Marine-terrace.

Each boy said his mother told him to take the articles back to the shed from which they said they had taken them but they were too frightened to do so.

Summonses for receiving the goods were dismissed with a severe caution, the chairman, Mr. W. Booth Reeve, remarking "I do hope you two women will take your position to heart."

GREETED BY KING

THANET FIREMEN RECEIVE GEORGE MEDALS

Awarded the George Medal for gallantry, Auxiliary Fireman Edward Henry James Moore, of Newington-road, Ramsgate, Chief Officer A. E. Twyman and Fireman Frederick George Watson, of Margate Fire Brigade, received their decorations from the King at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace.

A member of the Ramsgate A.F.S., Moore was severely wounded by shrapnel and machine-gun bullets during the mass raid on Ramsgate in August last but staggered to a first-aid post to summon help for a wounded comrade, Auxiliary Fireman H. J. Wells, who subsequently died in hospital. Although he received five wounds and was weak from loss of blood, Moore, a shop assistant prior to the war and a son of Mr. G. Moore, treasurer of Ramsgate Brotherhood, first dragged Wells to a sheltered spot before setting off for help.

During an attack in August, Chief Officer Twyman led his men without breathing apparatus into a blazing building with the result that the whole stock of valuable equipment was saved, and Fireman Watson worked the pumps within a few feet of an unexploded bomb with the result that in spite of continued bombing and machine-gunning, the fires were extinguished before dusk. Six other members of the Margate brigade were commended for bravery on the same occasion.

KING'S BADGE

FOR INVALIDED OFFICERS AND MEN

His Majesty has approved the institution of a badge for those invalided from the naval, military and air forces and the mechant navy and fishing fleet through wounds or war disablement attributable to service since 3rd September, 1939.

The King's Badge, as approved by His Majesty, consists of the Royal and Imperial Cypher surmounted by a Crown and surrounded by a circular band bearing the inscription, "For Loyal Service." Mr. Percy Metcalfe, C.V.C., has carried out the design. The badge is one inch in diameter and of white metal. It is fitted with a button-hole attachment for men and a brooch attachment for women.

The distribution will be carried out by the Ministry of Pensions and the King's Badge will be issued automatically to anyone entitled to receive it. No application will be neccessary.

It is expected that supplies will be ready in a few weeks' time.

REPORTED MISSING

PILOT OFFICER D. K. OAK-RHIND

Pilot Officer David K. Oak-Rhind, nephew of Alderman E. S. Oak-Rhind, C.C., of Broadstairs, who has been attached to a fighter squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force since January, has been reported missing.

Twenty-one years of age, P/O Oak-Rhind is the son of the late Mr. Alfred Oak-Rhind, who was well-known in Broadstairs, where he resided for some years before going to Australia.

P/O Oak-Rhind had visited Broadstairs twice since he came to this country early this year after completing a training course in Canada.

FUNERAL OF MISS M. COUBRO

The funeral took place at St. Peter's last week of Miss Margaret Coubro, of Eagle House, Broadstairs, who died at Nottingham, aged 86 years.

Miss Coubro, who was buried with one of her two sisters in St. Peter's churchyard, had lived for many years with Mrs. Carlisle, at Eagle House.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Bailey), and wreaths were received from Mrs. E. S. Carlisle; L. F. Smith and Mabel Truman; E. Johnson; Capt. Thomas; Daisy and Juliet; Annie and Madge (Southport); Miss Hossop; Harry and Sam Hossop.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son, of York-street, Broadstairs.

BUFFS CASUALTIES

Latest casualty lists officially announce that L/Corpl. A. E. Holmans and Pte. E. G. Grimsey, of The Buffs, have been killed.

L/Corpl. Holmans was captain of Hereson School, Ramsgate, during the period 1933-34, and was well known in local sporting circles.

Ptes. E. Godfrey, E. T. Lane and G. N. King, prisoners of war, are reported to have died.

The death from wounds previously reported of Pte. F. Brice should read L/Corpl. S. F. Brice.

LIVED WITHOUT RATION BOOK

YOUNG MAN'S THREE NAMES

A young man who used three names and contrived to live without possessing a ration book was sentenced at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Clarence Arnold Frederick Eames, 23, of Edmonton, who lived in Margate with his parents for a number of years, admitted assuming a name other than that by which he was ordinarily known, contrary to the Defence Regulations; travelling on the Southern Railway without having paid his fare, and making a false statement on 9th February, 1940, for the purpose of obtaining a motor driving license by declaring that he was not disqualified from holding a license.

The Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, said that on 4th May Eames, who was seen by W/R/C Baldock to jump from a train that had just left Birchington for Margate was chased and caught in Coleman's Stairs-road. He admitted he had no ticket, said he had entered the train at Herne Bay by climbing over the station railings, and produced a national registration card in the name of Edwin Mellor, of 6 Elm-terrace, St. Thomas'-hill, Canterbury, dated 20th May, 1940.

To Avoid Military Service.

At the police station, to which he was taken by the constable, he was seen by Inspr. Croucher and identified as Eames. The next day D/I Cory and W/R/C Baldock saw him and asked him why he was using a false name. He replied "I did it to avoid military service." While on remand inquiries were made in regard to his registration, but the Registrar did not wish to take any action as accused had now properly registered.

The Chief Constable added that Eames was before the court in January, 1939, in connection with a motor car insurance offence, when his driving license was suspended for two years. During the inquiries in the present case it came to light that he was the man whom P/C Tawse, then a young officer, saw in charge of a car at 1 a.m. on 26th March, 1940. He then gave the name of Clarence Ward, of Elm-terrace, Canterbury. He could not produce a driving license at the time but produced a provisional one later at Canterbury. In consequence he was summoned at Margate in the name of Ward and fined for driving an uninsured car, driving without being accompanied by a competent driver, and for not using "L" plates. He did not appear in court but wrote from Canterbury.

When he was brought into custody on the present charges and his record was being investigated, P/C Tawse saw a photograph of him and identified him as the man who gave the name of Ward. Eames admitted that he obtained a provisional license while disqualified. His form of application sent to the K.C.C. was in the name of Ward, with an address at Highfield-close, Canterbury, and was dated 9th February, 1940. When asked who filled in the form he replied "The wife. She does all my clerical work for me."

Full of False Statements.

Examining the license application form, the Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) remarked "It is full of false statements—your name and everything else."

Eames said at the time he had a job at Canterbury and his employer wanted him to drive to Dover. As he had not got a license he thought he would get one in another name. Ward was the first name that came into his head. His employer knew him by the name of Eames and did not know he applied for a license in the name of Ward. He was now working on first-aid repairs to bombed houses in London. He presumed he would be called up for military service.

The Chief Constable said Eames was a pipe-layer by trade. He was born at Sheerness and came to Margate with his parents when quite young, living in Upper Dane-road for some years. He worked for builders at Broadstairs and then did piece work for a number of firms in Gillingham and Sheerness. He had also worked at Ashford and Dover and was a good worker.

Living With Married Woman.

He was living with a married woman named Mellor, who had parted from her husband and had one child by him. That probably had something to do with him adopting the name of Mellor and avoiding military service.

The Chief Constable added that Eames did not possess any national insurance cards because he had been doing piece work on his own and did not possess a ration book.

The Clerk: That was all with the idea of covering up his tracks, I suppose?

The Chief Constable: Yes. How he has existed without a ration book is rather remarkable.

A list of previous convictions against Eames for motoring offences committed since 1936 was read out by the Chief Constable, two of them being in the name of Ward.

Remarking that accused had given the police a tremendous amount of trouble, the chairman, Mr. W. Booth Reeve, said he would be sentenced to one month's imprisonment for assuming a false name, fined £1 for travelling on the railway without paying his fare, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment for obtaining a license by means of a false statement. The terms of imprisonment were ordered to run consecutively.

Calling forward W/R/C Baldock, the chairman said "I have great pleasure, on behalf of the bench, in congratulating you on keeping your eyes open in this case and being so very alert. The word 'alert' is used a great deal now and I think you know what it means."

JOE E. BROWN'S BEARD

BRIGHAM YOUNG AT KING'S

Comedy and romance combine to make good entertainment at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

For the first four days Joe E. Brown, the comedian with the large mouth, comes to the screen in the aptly-named film "So You Won't Talk?" Co-starred with Frances Robinson, Joe plays two roles. Wearing a beard he is seen as a timid book reviewer; without his beard he plays the part of a notorious gangster. When Joe the book reviewer, shaves off his beard he finds his friends mistaking him for the gangster . . . !

"The Green Cockatoo," with John Mills, is a grim tale of London's underworld.

Described as "the romantic spectacle of the year," Darryl F. Zanuck's "Brigham Young" will be the main attraction for the latter part of the week. Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell head a strong cast, while Dean Jagger is seen as Brigham Young, the great Mormon leader. The story of the covered wagon trek of 20,000 people from Illinois to Utah in 1846 is brought to the screen in striking realism and includes shots of the burning of a town, buffalo stampedes and all the troubles that beset the white men. The story is by Louis Bromfield, author of "When the Rains Came," and the film took six months to complete after 18 months of extensive research work.

WITHOUT THE FRIDAY 'THANET' FRIDAY IS AN UNLUCKY DAY—

A YEAR AGO

THE EVACUATION OF DUNKIRK

Nearly two pages of the ADVERTISER & ECHO were devoted to the story of the evacuation and landing of men of the Allied Armies during the epic retreat from the shores of France following the rapid advance of German troops.

Mr. Ronald Cross, then Minister of Shipping, and the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) publicly thanked the men and women of Ramsgate, who by day and night, worked to provide refreshment for the battle-stained troops. Over 100,000 British and French soldiers were landed at Ramsgate and Margate from ships of all sizes and shapes, and not the least valuable work was performed by the local lifeboat crews. Ramsgate's crew saved 3,000 men from the beaches at Dunkirk, and the Margate boat saved 600. The coxswains, Mr. Howard Knight, of Ramsgate, and Mr. T. Parker, Margate, were later awarded the D.S.M.

In eight-hour shifts women of the W.V.S. and their helpers worked unceasingly at Ramsgate railway station, Merrie England and the harbour, providing food, clothing and comforts as the exhausted men were landed, and Lord Gort, who commanded the B.E.F. in Flanders, sent a message to the people of Ramsgate expressing his gratitude for the way the troops were received and provided with rations. Altogether 335,000 men were saved in what was described by the Prime Minister as "a miracle of deliverance achieved by valour, perseverance, perfect discipline and faultless service, by skill, resource and unconquerable fidelity manifest to us all." One thousand ships of all kinds were used, and among the few lost was the minesweeper Crested Eagle, the famous pre-war pleasure steamer. Throughout the sea remained as calm and smooth as a pond, thereby enabling an Armada of small craft to make the voyage across the Channel.

Among those who answered the call for volunteers to voyage, unprotected, to the beaches at Dunkirk was Joseph Read, 15-year-old son of Mr. W. Read, of Camden-square. For three days and three nights Mr. Read and his son defied the Nazi bombers and the enemy shells while they plied from shore to waiting ships which took the troops to England.

Brilliant organisation on both sides of the Channel enabled the Allied Armies to reach safety and amaze the world by the tremendous courage and tenacity of the British soldier.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

"A further development in the progress of the THANET ADVERTISER is marked this week by the announcement we make of the incorporation of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Echo into the title of the old journal. The increased support given the THANET ADVERTISER since the change of proprietary in 1914 had already suggested the production of a separate edition for Broadstairs and the fusion of the two journals will render this development possible. From a journalistic point of view the amalgamaton possesses much of interest—the THANET ADVERTISER as the oldest-established newspaper in Thanet incorporating the youngest Thanet newspaper, the BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S ECHO, which is in its tenth year of existence."

THE WAR OF 1914-18

It was announced that the Government were considering proposals to provide additional relief for seaside lodging-house keepers who found themselves in distress through the war.

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Corpl. H. G. Wakeford, a native of Ramsgate, and a member of the Hong Kong police force, who travelled 12,000 miles home to enlist in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, was killed in action while stalking a sniper.

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In connection with a St. George's flag day collection at Ramsgate, as a result of which over £80 was raised, the Mayor (Councillor T. S. Chayney) wrote "Consideration of the purpose for which the collection was originally intended—the possible provision of an aeroplane for the defence of Ramsgate—I am thankful to say is no longer needed. The amount realised can, therefore, be devoted to other causes, including the hospital and the prisoners of war fund."

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Three houses in Upper Dumpton Park-road, Ramsgate, each have cards in the window, announcing that four members of the family are on active service.

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The following men from Broadstairs and St. Peter's are prisoners of war in Germany: Pte. C. Coomber and Corpl. C. Parrish, Rifle Brigade, Pte. George Evans, Corpl. H. S. Smith, Sergt. A. Call, of The Buffs, Seaman J. Wish, Royal Naval Division, and Pte. H. S. Austen, Hussars, of Reading Street.

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News has been received of the death in action of Sergt. G. Ashlee, of the South Staffordshire Regiment. Sergt. Ashlee, whose home was at Cinder Footpath, Broadstairs, was killed when making a night raid on enemy trenches. His father, serving with the R.F.A., was wounded recently at the Dardanelles. The death in action is also reported of Rifleman A. Bishop, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, of Nelson-place, Broadstairs. An old boy of Holy Trinity School, Rifleman Bishop was 22 years of age.

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A member of the original B.E.F., Pte. R. Brenchley, of Church-street, St. Peter's, is this week home on leave. Joining the Army in 1913 Pte. Brenchley took part in the Battle of Mons and the Battle of Loos.

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A resolution passed at the annual meeting of St. Peter's parish Council, advocating the abolition of allotted seats at the church, has resulted in the pews being thrown open to any members of the congregations at Sunday evening services. The practice of pews being occupied by those to whom they are allotted will be continued at morning services.

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More than £50 was raised for local charities at a sports meeting, organised by the THANET ADVERTISER, and held at Chatham House, Ramsgate. The programme lasted four hours, and included many events in which men of the Services took part.

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On 1st June, 1916, Messrs. Vye and Son, of Queen-street, Ramsgate, celebrated their hundredth birthday, and in announcing the event the firm reprinted an advertisement published on their fiftieth birthday in 1867. In 1916 there were 13 branches and trade had increased "20 times since 1867."

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I remain, Yours sincerely,
(Signed) CONSTANCE SPENCER (Miss)

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I am, Yours faithfully,
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(Name and address withheld for professional reasons)

Shell-Shocked Veteran Recommends 'ASPRO' to Nerve Sufferers

22 Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions, Fulham Road, London, S.W.6.
Dear Sirs,
I was a telephonist during the last war and came home suffering from shell shock through observation work, etc. In fact I was so bad I was discharged in April, 1918, with neurasthenia and receive a small disability pension for life. Now this war is raging it has upset me again but I stick to 'ASPROS', and get sound sleep, so waking up feeling fresh in the morning. I am getting on in years now but would like to recommend to all who suffer from nerves to carry 'ASPRO' about with them and take one or two when feeling down. They will soon buck up your spirits and make life, though hard, worth living.
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50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

TRUANT CHILDREN

At Ramsgate Petty Sessions on Monday the School Attendance Officer (Mr. Scarlett) brought forward the largest list of cases ever dealt with at one sitting of the court. Most of the cases were really bad enough to be deserving of the imposition of a small fine: but the people all apparently belonged to a poor hard-working class and the presiding magistrate (Mr. Hammond), acted very kindly and considerately in allowing them another chance to send their offspring to school. It must not however be forgotten that it is sometimes difficult for parents who work hard all day in the endeavour to provide the needful bread and butter, also to follow their children to school and make sure that they are actually in attendance.

BROADSTAIRS CABS

Broadstairs, not to mention St. Peter's, is very unfortunate at present for the ever-recurring question of the cab-stands has again come to the front. It is a question which has troubled the minds of the fathers of the town ever since the institution of the Local Board district; and there will be some difficulty in coming to a settlement that will satisfy all concerned. Neither tradesmen nor private people want the nuisance of the cab-stand opposite their doors. And quite right, too. Until the streets of Broadstairs are as wide again as they are now so that cabs and cabmen find a resting-place without causing a nuisance to anybody, perhaps the best solution of the difficulty would be to allow the people to send to the livery stables when they want conveyance of any kind.

THE NEW RATION BOOKS

Before the new ration books, for which application should now be made, come into use, the public must re-register with shopkeepers, whether they want to make a change or not.

There is no need to do anything about re-registering yet, and full instructions will be issued when the time comes.

When the present ration book was issued in January, the public were told that there was no need to register with retailers, unless they wanted to change. Since then, however, there has been much movement of population, and although the Ministry tries to keep in touch with everybody who moves about, it is not always easy when shops and Food Offices are damaged, and essential records destroyed.

To prevent waste and to secure a fair distribution of food throughout the country, it is important that the Ministry should have complete and accurate records as to where people are and where they shop for all rationed foods.

FULL HOUSE AT DANCE

There was a "full house" at the War Weapons Week dance at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Tuesday.

Each of the 750 dancers received, in addition to a thoroughly enjoyable evening, a book containing a 6d. Savings Stamp.

Frederic Hargraves and his Knights of Swing, who gave their services free of charge, were thanked by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) for making such a practical contribution to Ramsgate War Weapons Week.

ODEON STARS

DULCY AND SEVEN SINNERS

Some of the screen's most popular stars are featured in the programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Ann Sothern, Ian Hunter and Roland Young have leading roles in "Dulcy," a gay comedy of the modern generation, which heads the bill for the first four days. Ann Sothern, who is seen as Dulcy, is an impetuous young woman whose heart rules her head. Her faculty of attempting to run the lives of others results in exciting complications, and makes for refreshing entertainment.

"Mexican Spitfire Out West," starring Lupe Velez and Leon Errol is also being screened.

For the second half of the week Marlene Dietrich's sparkling new musical "Seven Sinners" will be the main attraction. The story is set in a South Seas island, where Marlene

Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne

Dietrich becomes queen of the night life. Playing opposite her is Broderick Crawford and also in the cast are John Wayne, Mischa Auer and Albert Dekker. Several new musical numbers are introduced into this fascinating romance of six men and a woman in the tropics. Anna Lee, the British actress, makes her debut in American films in "Seven Sinners."

Another of the Charlie Chan series "Charlie Chan at the Wax Museum," with Sidney Toler, will also be shown.

IDENTITY CARD TESTS

Test inspections of identity cards are taking place in different parts of the country, and the public are warned that if they neglect to carry their cards about with them they run the risk of being ordered to report themselves at police stations. The responsibility for any inconvenience thus caused will be their own.

Failure to produce an identity card either on demand or at a police station within two days is an offence punishable by fine of £5 or a month's imprisonment, or both.

BOMBS ON A VILLAGE

Four high-explosive bombs which were dropped by a raider over a village in south-east England on Wednesday night fell in fields and caused some damage to houses.

Windows were broken and ceilings were damaged in a number of houses, but there were no casualties.

Bill Overhears

Breakfast in a Bombing Mess

Bill is in his early twenties, a slightly-built young man who says little but listens keenly. Because he was employed on the domestic staff of a large mansion in peace-time he was made a mess steward when he joined the R.A.F. He now waits at table in the officers' mess of a bomber station.

But Bill is growing restless. If you want to meet him at his most restless moments you should be in the mess in the early hours of the morning, when the cocks at the farms around the flying field have finished their crowing and the curtains of the dining-room are pulled back to welcome the light of a new day.

It is then that pilot officers, flight lieutenants and squadron leaders come in to breakfast after a night trip over Germany, over enemy occupied France or Holland. They have handed over their aircraft to the ground staff, have been interviewed by the Intelligence Officers and now have an appetite for breakfast before going to bed. A few look weary, but Bill is always amazed to see how fresh, how talkative most of them appear to be. And the more they talk the more interested Bill becomes, and the more excuses he makes to remain near their table.

What They Talk About.

He overhears conversations such as this:

"An Me. came up at us on the way back, but we scared him off. Pass the butter, please. Some mighty fine fires. How did the flak strike you, Tony? Or didn't it strike you?"

"Clouds beat me to it, and I couldn't see much. The searchlights made a fine show going over the enemy coast."

"Jove! This bacon and egg tastes good. We got shot about a good bit. Holes all over the port wing, but it takes more than holes to wreck a Whitley."

"You're right. I almost tried looping the loop with her. I think she'd do it, too. More tea, Bill."

"You must have been just behind us when we dropped those flares. Jerry pumped away, and I thought you'd got a packet."

As Bill brings more tea he just cannot help asking a question. "What happened to your hand, sir?" he enquires from a young pilot officer.

"Oh, just a tickling scratch, Bill. A bit of shrapnel bobbed up. Missed the navigator's head by inches and grazed past me."

Towards the end of breakfast conversation flags. They are becoming drowsy. One by one, or in couples, they stroll away to bed, and Bill tidies the table in readiness for the later breakfast of those who did not operate last night. To-night it may be Berlin, Dusseldorf, or Hamburg, Brest or Bremen, Kiel or Cuxhaven.

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Engagement.—The engagement is announced of Mr. John Phillip Turner, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of 243 Margate-road, Ramsgate, to Miss Margaret Vera Prett, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Prett, steward and stewardess of Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club.

Vicar's Visit to Staffs.—During the absence of the Rev. P. M. Townend, who is visiting Norton-in-Hales this week-end and preaching at Walton, Staffordshire, the following week-end, the Rev. G. R. Cooper, of Selby Abbey, Yorks, will conduct the services at Christ Church, Ramsgate.

Guild Concert.—An airman violinist was among the artistes who took part in a musical programme at the Centenary Hall, Ramsgate, on Tuesday. Members of the Wesley Guild, accompanied by friends, were present at the concert. A talented musician the airman, L/A/C/ W. E. Garbett, rendered a number of solos, and others taking part were Miss M. Vince (mandoline solos), Mr. A. E. Jones (tenor), Mrs. E. R. Thom (soprano), Mrs. P. Eccleston (monologues), and Mr. Philip Phenix. The accompanists were Mrs. Vince, Mr. D. Drake, and Miss Gladys Culver. The artistes were thanked by the Rev. F. J. Bomford, who presided.

Red Cross Flag Day.—As in previous years the Vicar of Ramsgate (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) is organising a local collection in connection with the national flag-day which is being held on 5th June on behalf of the wartime work of the Red Cross and St. John organisations. Ramsgate has subscribed well on previous occasions and it is hoped that the town will retain its high position among other Kent towns in which collections are held. As many collectors as possible are needed, and persons willing to help should communicate with Mr. Farnsworth at the Vicarage, Grove-road, or at Clarendon House between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 and 5 p.m., on 4th June.

SANDWICH.

Air Training Corps.—Over 180,000 cadets have already enrolled in Air Training Corps squadrons throughout the country, and it is hoped to form a section or flight at Sandwich. Boys between the ages of 15½ and 18 are eligible for enrolment, and any who wish to become cadets are asked to send their names and addresses to Mr. E. Guy, principal of the Thanet Technical Institute, at the Technical Institute, Ashford. Men willing to become officers and assist in any direction, should also communicate with Mr. Guy.

BROADSTAIRS

May Offertories.—The collections at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, during May amounted to £18 14s. 2d.

Engineer's Salary.—Broadstairs Council have declined the application of Mr. E. B. Cullin, Chief Engineering Assistant in the Surveyor's Department, for an increment in salary.

Woolly Comforts Ready.—Woolly comforts for Broadstairs and St. Peter's men in H.M. Forces are now available at the W.V.S. Centre, and Mrs. B. J. Pearson will be glad to receive addresses of those local men who are now serving.

Tennis for the Troops.—The local Military Welfare Officer would be glad to receive old tennis racquets and balls for the recreation of the troops. They should be sent to Capt. P. Johnson, R.N. (retired), 100 Pierremont-avenue, Broadstairs.

Crampton Tower.—The Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) has been authorised by Broadstairs Council to dismantle the disused water tanks at Crampton Tower and sell them to Mr. W. Gore, of Ramsgate, for 40s. per ton.

Superannuated. — Broadstairs Council have decided not to extend further the period of service of Mr. W. F. Bayford, manual employee in the Highways Department, who was due to retire on superannuation as from 1st May.

News of Exiles.—More news of parishioners exiled to all parts of the country, including Scotland, where Broadstairs now has quite a good representation, is published by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Bailey, in the June issue of Broadstairs Church Magazine.

Free Film Show.—A Ministry of Information mobile film unit, which will visit Broadstairs on Thursday, will show a series of films at the Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands. The programme begins at 3 p.m., and Councillor B. J. Pearson, chairman of the Council, will preside. There is no admission fee.

Reading Street Tennis.—On payment of the sum of two guineas for the season, members of Reading Street Young People's Fellowship have been granted permission by Broadstairs Council to use the hard tennis courts adjacent to the golf club on one evening each week, the Fellowship carrying out the watering and rolling of the courts.

Funeral of Mr. F. V. Campkin.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Wednesday of Mr. Frank Viner Campkin, of Gladstone-road, Broadstairs, whose death at the age of 73 took place at Margate and District General Hospital. Mr. Campkin was formerly a member of St. Peter's Church choir and before coming to Broadstairs was engaged in horticulture at Ware, Herts.

Musical Templars.—A musical competition arranged by Mrs. G. Glover, now at Sutton Valence, was enjoyed with zest at the meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Mrs. R. Watt acted as pianist. Extracts were read from a letter received by Mr. A. B. Impett from the Rev. F. W. James, who has now returned to England.

Garden Wanted.—St. Peter's Good Companions, who have recently knitted 15 pairs of seaboot stockings and have nearly completed 16 more jerseys, hope to continue their meetings out of doors during the summer. All they need is the offer of a garden in which to meet. The members of the committee are Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Jenner, Mrs. Dengate, Mrs. C. Parker, Miss Ovenden and Miss Holton, any of whom would be pleased to receive offers.

Insuring Church Organs.—The pews, organ and bells of St. Peter's Church have been insured for £3,000 under the War Damage Act necessitating payment of a premium of £45 for the period ending 30th September next. At St. Andrew's furniture and organ have been insured for £750 at a premium of £11 5s. "Obviously" states the parish magazine "the figures are quite inadequate. St. Peter's organ alone is valued at over £4,000 but in these times with slender church funds, the committee do not feel justified in spending more."

Funeral of Mrs. E. S. Austen.—Sister of Mr. W. J. Shelvey, a former Broadstairs councillor, Mrs. Elizabeth Sarah Austen was buried at St. Peter's churchyard on Tuesday. Mrs. Austen, whose home was at Upton-road, Broadstairs, died, aged 88 years, within a few days of the tenth anniversary of her husband's death. Mr. and Mrs. Austen celebrated their golden wedding in 1925. Daughter of a Broadstairs tradesman, Mrs. Austen had lived in the town all her life. She is survived by her brother and a sister, Mrs. Barville, of Broadstairs. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, and the mourners were Mr. W. J. Austen and Mr. G. H. Austen (sons), Mrs. M. Brown (daughter), Miss Austen (daughter), Mr. E. Austen and Mr. J. Dilnot (grandsons) and Mr. P. Shelvey (nephew).

MISSING FROM H.M.S. HOOD

SAD NEWS FOR ST. PETER'S WIFE

Joining the Navy a month after the outbreak of war, Ordinary Seaman Cecil Arthur Fitchew, of Reading Street, St. Peter's, is believed to have lost his life when H.M.S. Hood was blown up by a shell from the German battleship Bismarck off the coast of Greenland.

His wife has received a telegram from the Admiralty stating that he is missing, presumed killed.

An old boy of St. George's School, Ramsgate, O/S Fitchew was 23 years of age, and was last home in February, when he was posted to the Hood. Formerly employed as a gardener in London, Fitchew was at one time engaged as under-gardener by Mrs. Vye, of Broadstairs.

O/S Fitchew, who has a two-year-old daughter, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fitchew, of St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate. Mr. Fitchew is an A.R.P. Warden.

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED

Leading Cook Petty Officer Alfred Philip West, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nash, of Park-villas, Canterbury-road, Birchington, who is also reported missing, presumed killed, from the Hood, was planning to get married on his next leave.

Twenty-eight years of age, P/O West joined the Navy about nine years ago and served for nearly four years at the China station. As a boy he attended Birchington Church of England School and he was an enthusiastic supporter of the Old Scholars' Club.

6d. BOWLS FOR SERVICES

On the suggestion of Councillor J. A. Forde, chairman of the Pleasure Grounds Committee, Broadstairs Council have decided to make a reduced charge of 6d. per session, including the use of bowls and slippers, for members of H.M. Forces playing at the Memorial recreation ground.

Other casual players are to pay the usual charges but season tickets are being issued at the reduced charge of 15s.

Players using the green regularly have been asked to collect the charges from casual players and to undertake the necessary supervision to ensure that the green is properly used.

"The enemy's airmen are finding it increasingly hazardous to attack us, and the day may well come when it will not pay them to do so at all."—Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P.

Black-out To-day 10.54 p.m.—5.4 a.m.

A FEW WORDS TO MOTHERS

EIGHTPENCE MEANS A LOT

On behalf of the Mothers' Union, Mrs. Bailey, wife of the Rector, writes pertinently in the June issue of Broadstairs Church Magazine:

"It is rather disappointing that so few of you who have been evacuated have decided to support this branch this year. It is surprising that the M.U. and your own branch should mean so little to you after all these years. Some of you are even on the committee, and have been members since the branch was started. Eightpence per year is very little to enable one to belong to a society like the M.U., which is doing such splendid work, and when one realises what it stands for. It is a great link between mothers, too, wherever we go. It has also enabled those of you who joined other branches in your new homes to get in touch at once with the church life of the place, and to make new friends.

"The work of the diocese, deanery and branch goes on, and needs the loyal support of members. We have been badly hit, and the 8d.s collectively mean a lot to the society."

HIGH TEAS

NOT WANTED AT BROADSTAIRS

Only 14 people registered a desire to obtain a hot meal at Pierremont Restaurant, Broadstairs communal feeding centre, between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m., and of these only 12 were workmen.

Consequently the British Restaurants Committee of the Council have decided to inform the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, by whom the request for evening meals was made, that they are satisfied there is not sufficient demand to justify it.

The Trades Council, expressing appreciation of the committee's investigation, have stated that they have no desire to press ridiculous demands and, unless there is a real demand among the workpeople of Broadstairs and St. Peter's, they would be sorry to involve the committee in unnecessary trouble.

The committee reported to the Council on Monday that Mrs. Florence Mills, of Arklow-square, Ramsgate, had been appointed to the post of assistant cook supervisor at the restaurant for a probationary period of a month at a salary of £1 15s. a week, and that another kitchen helper was being appointed to replace Mrs. I. E. Taylor. Members of the staff required to work outside normal hours are to be paid at the rate of 1s. per hour.

The chairman, Councillor B. Humphrey, expressed appreciation of the expeditious manner in which the work of alteration had been carried out and of the assistance which had been rendered by voluntary workers in moving equipment and appliances from the domestic subjects room to the senior girls' side.

The committee have informed the Kent Education Committee that they do not consider the Council should be called upon to increase from £1 to £1 10s. a week the payment for maintenance expenses as a result of the extension of the accommodation.

EXHIBITION SNOOKER

It was announced during an interval in the snooker exhibition match at Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club on Friday that as a result of the successful efforts of the committee in arranging a series of events the sum of over £15 had been raised for War Weapons Week.

E. Bell and A. Maxted proved too good for K. B. Billingham and A. Redbourn, winning in two straight frames.

Neither Billingham nor Redbourn was up to his usual form and they did not enjoy that share of luck which makes all the difference in a game of snooker.

In the first frame Billingham and Redbourn established an advantage but Bell upset matters with a 23 break—the biggest of the match. Maxted scored consistently and the game was thrown in at 69—30, with the pink and black to go.

Bell and Maxted got away to a good start on the second frame and were 30 ahead when the reds had been disposed of. They finally won with the score at 64—28, but not before Redbourn and Billingham had laid several nice snookers.

In a singles match Bell beat Redbourn by 73—45. Bell was potting well and although he made no big breaks—he made 72 in a game recently—he established a good lead and Redbourn wanted snookers on the brown. Redbourn improved his position with several nice shots behind the black and blue but eventually left the pink over the centre pocket to finish the match.

The excellent condition of the table was a tribute to the steward, Mr. Stan Prett.

GIFTS FOR MARGATE WEEK

At Margate, the Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, received a cheque for £500 as a "gift" to the week.

Numerous other gifts ranged from a half-crown postal order upwards and the Mayor was in a position to hand over to the War Weapons Week movement the sum of £516.

A Margate woman in a letter to the Mayor enclosed a 100,000 mark note.

"I read in a London newspaper," she wrote, "that a 100,000 mark note was sold to a curio collector, so I am enclosing the one that my husband brought home after the last war in the hope that it may help in our War Weapons Week."

The Mayor has received a letter from Lieut.-Cmdr. Fletcher expressing thanks for the hospitality accorded him on his visit to Margate to open the week.

"I very much enjoyed participating in the opening ceremony of your War Weapons Week," he wrote, "and congratulate you upon the capital display. I have no doubt whatever that you will easily exceed the figure you have set as a target, and I think it is very fine indeed of Margate to make such a great effort when I know that the town must be suffering considerable distress."

FIRE-WATCHERS' DARTS

Ramsgate Weapons Week benefited by 28s. 6d. as the result of a darts competition arranged by fire-watchers doing duty in the centre section of High-street.

Prizes—a savings certificate and savings stamps—were won by Mr. W. Whiting, Mr. J. R. Pittock and Mr. A. Betts.

BRENDA'S CONTRIBUTION

Brenda Wells, aged 11 years, of Norman-road, St. Peter's, helped to increase Broadstairs Weapons Week total by 5s. She did it by selling iron holders she had made.

WHIT-MONDAY PROTEST

NO HOLIDAY FOR COUNCILLORS

A protest against being called to a meeting on a Bank Holiday was made by several members when Broadstairs Council met for their monthly meeting at Pierremont Hall on Whit-Monday.

Apparently the culprit was Councillor H. Bing.

First to protest was Councillor G. W. Lane, who said that some of them had not had a half-day off since the war began. In the circumstances he considered the meeting should have been held on some other day. He was also speaking for a body of people who could not speak for themselves—the officials. They had had a great deal of additional work to undertake since the war began and out of consideration for them the meeting should have been fixed for some more suitable time. He believed it was suggested that the meeting should be held at some other time but because of a protest by one member it was being held that afternoon. Were it not for the inconvenience which it would cause he would move that the meeting should be adjourned.

Supporting the protest, Councillor B. Humphrey said he thought they should take some steps to prevent its recurrence. He believed Standing Orders provided that if any one member objected to the postponement of a statutory meeting the meeting must be held. One member had necessitated the attendance there that day of the Council and the staff.

The chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said when he realised the meeting was due to fall on a Bank Holiday he got in touch with the Clerk and intimated his desire that it should be postponed until Tuesday or Wednesday, and left it to him to proceed along those lines. He then received a message to the effect that one member had signified his disagreement with the meeting being postponed and as it was a statutory meeting there would be considerable difficulty in the circumstances in getting it postponed.

Councillor Pearson said he was intending having his first week-end off since the war began but in view of the position which had arisen he had to forego it. When it became known that the meeting had to be held he asked the Clerk that only a minimum number of staff should be called.

Councillor E. K. Minter said during the 14 years he had been on the Council he had never known a meeting to be held on a Bank Holiday. He thought all members of the staff who had been called on duty should be given another day off.

The chairman: That has been arranged for.

Replying to Councillor Humphrey, the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) said the position could be remedied by a notice of motion to amend Standing Orders.

Councillor Bing said he was asked if he could attend a meeting on Tuesday and he replied that he could not. He said he could attend on Monday or Wednesday. He had no idea that if one member said he could not come on a certain day that it would upset the procedure. If there was any blame he was quite prepared to take it.

"If you are not allowed to express your opinion because it is holiday time I think it is altogether wrong," said Councillor Bing. "I am not going to be muzzled in that way."

Councillor Humphrey said the manner in which the matter was put to him was whether he would object to the meeting being postponed, and not whether he would be able to attend. The Clerk would have no right to ask him whether he could attend or not. The question was whether or not a member objected.

After a protest by Councillor H. Noble about time being wasted, the matter was dropped.

DISAPPROVED

RATING OFFICIALS REBUKED

The Finance Committee of Broadstairs Council have recorded their disapproval of the procedure adopted by the rating officials of East Kent coastal resorts, at a meeting held at Canterbury, in "arriving at decisions on policy; assuming that such decisions would be put into operation by the respective authorities; and communicating with the Ministry of Health before submitting a report on the proceedings to the respective Councils."

The committee approved the action taken by the Clerk, Mr. E. F. Owen, in voting at the meeting against a resolution which expressed the view that the most convenient method of giving relief to ratepayers who had evacuated their furnished homes would be by granting a reduction in the amount of the rate payable during the period of non-habitation and not by means of an amendment in the valuation list.

At Monday's meeting of the Council, Councillor H. Bing said he did not agree with the Broadstairs policy, which was contrary to that of Ramsgate and Margate. He thought the less they had to do with the Assessment Committee and the more they dealt with cases themselves the better it would be for them.

Councillor E. K. Minter also supported the view that it was better for a person to be able to go to their own Council and get rate relief rather than for him to make an application for a reduction of assessment to the Assessment Committee.

The chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said the reason Broadstairs Rating Committee differed from other authorities was that they were advised, and he believed correctly advised, that the course they were taking to relieve ratepayers by a reduction of assessments was perfectly right and proper.

The other towns to which Councillor Minter had referred would find that at the end of the war their assessments were the same as they were at the beginning. He had always been of the opinion that the assessments at Broadstairs, particularly since 1925, had been at a grossly high level. The present seemed to be a unique opportunity to get those assessments down.

Councillor F. Foster, who is chairman of the Assessment Committee, supported the action of the Council and said the towns which were going to recover most quickly after the war were those which had got the assessments down and not those which had kept them sky-high.

The committee's report was adopted.

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MR. EDWIN COTTON

HARBOUR MISSIONARY'S DEATH

Harbour Missionary at Ramsgate for 27 years, Mr. Edwin Cotton, of Napleton-road, passed away at Derby, where he was staying with his son, on Thursday.

Mr. Cotton was 71 years of age, having celebrated his birthday a week before his death.

As reported in the ADVERTISER & ECHO in July last year, the Sailors' Home and Harbour Mission had to shut its doors after 60 years' uninterrupted work. Mr. Cotton, who was then suffering in health, retired from the position of Harbour Missionary after 27 years. Although he left Ramsgate, he felt the blow keenly and missed the service which he performed for the Church.

No finer man, no more Christian gentleman walked the streets of Ramsgate. Mr. Cotton was admired by all who knew him. Despite his health and his advancing years he left his bed at all hours of the night during the early months of the present war to assist with the work of tending seamen brought ashore from distressed vessels. His one thought was to help others.

Mr. Cotton, a Derby man, first felt the call to Church service when he was 18 years of age, and when the Rev. J. H. Askwith, Vicar of Christ Church, Derby, came to Ramsgate, Mr. Cotton accompanied him, having had some experience of mission work in Derby.

For many years Mr. Cotton was hon. agent for the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society.

Predeceased by his wife some years ago, Mr. Cotton leaves two sons and three daughters, one of them being in Australia and two in Ramsgate. Miss Florence Cotton often assisted her father at the little chapel at the Sailors' Home.

One son is living in Birmingham.

The Funeral.

The funeral at Ramsgate Cemetery on Monday was preceded by a service at the Sailors' Home chapel, at which the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and a large number of friends and church members were present.

In an address in which he briefly outlined Mr. Cotton's life work the Vicar of Christ Church (the Rev. P. M. Townend) who conducted the service, said "For him peace has been signed. None of us would wish to recall him to a war-stricken world. Like the fishing smacks he has left the town."

Mr. Cotton was respected for his genuine integrity, said Mr. Townend, and while they offered their sympathy to his family they sympathised with his daughter who had kept house for Mr. Cotton and nursed him for many years. She was now serving her country with the A.T.S.

A strong Christian character, Mr. Cotton had been a loyal, diligent and earnest worker among the sea-faring folk, continued Mr. Townend, and with the end of the presence of the worker he wanted them to know that there had come to an end the work of the Sailors' Home church.

The Last Service.

The lease had fallen in, and the church was the property of the town, so that was the last service which would be held in the church. "I think we would all be glad that the last time Mr. Cotton enters this church none of us comes in after" he said.

Mr. Townend added that arrangements were being made for the establishment at Christ Church of a Sailors' Chapel to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Cotton. It was hoped that the church fittings, and mural tablets would be removed to that chapel, so that as far as possible, the memorial chapel would resemble the Sailors' Home chapel.

Mr. A. J. Nicholls was at the organ, and the hymns sung were "Now that the labourer's task is past," and "For all the Saints." The 23rd Psalm was also sung, and the choir sang an anthem while the Vicar read the lesson from the 15th chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Thesselonians.

Among those present were several fishermen who had known Mr. Cotton for many years.

The family mourners were Miss F. Cotton (daughter), Mr. E. R. Cotton and Mr. A. R. Cotton (sons), and Mr. and Mrs. Purkis (son-in-law and daughter) and two grandsons.

Wreaths were received from Florrie; Emily and John; Eddie, Nellie and Margaret; Rosa, Paul, Eddie, Arthur and Laurence; Arthur and relatives at Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Smith; Florence and Sidney; Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Doreen; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Coote; Mrs. Bowler, Mrs. Keyte and Lena; Mr. Snelling, Minnie and Billy; 7th Ramsgate Rangers; members of the Sailors' Home Committee and Mrs. Soanes, the Rev. P. M. Townend, Mr. H. Perry and Mr. T. C. Anderson; old friends of the Christ Church Mission Hall; Boyers St. Derby; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Butler.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

SAFE HARVEST

EMERGENCY LAND CORPS FORMED

In view of the very vital necessity to safeguard all home-grown food, the Kent War Agricultural Executive Committee is taking every possible step to ensure that there will be sufficient help available for keeping the crops clean and eventually safely harvested.

There will be at least 100,000 additional acres of land cropped in the county of Kent this year.

A large number of extra workers are always required on the land for a short time during the summer months. Many people who do this work in peace-time are no longer available, and farmers are facing a shortage of labour which may become acute. Crops may be spoiled unless they can be gathered at the right moment, and valuable food may be lost.

Land work depends so much on the weather that it is not possible to plan ahead or estimate how many workers will actually be required in the same way as in other industries, but it is essential to have a reserve of workers to meet emergencies.

The committee has accordingly arranged to form the Kent Emergency Land Corps, which will consist of volunteers who are prepared, even though they have no previous agricultural experience, to work on the land if their services are called upon.

A local representative of the corps is being appointed in every town and village, the majority of these representatives being members of the Women's Voluntary Services. The local representative will prepare and maintain registers of volunteers and will be able to put them in touch with farmers needing their services. At Ramsgate volunteers should enrol at the headquarters of the W.V.S., Effingham-street.

"On every occasion since this war began, when British men have come right up against German fighting men, they have shown confidence, courage and toughness which leave no doubt about the ultimate success."—Mr. Vernon Bartlett, M.P.

HITLER'S COFFIN

BEATING THE RETREAT AT BROADSTAIRS

Well over 500 people gathered in Pierremont Gardens, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, to watch the band of an infantry regiment perform the traditional ceremony of "beating the retreat."

The event was held in connection with Weapons Week, and spectators were asked to "help Hitler to hell" by placing small monetary donations in a collecting box shaped and painted to resemble a coffin—presumably for the Nazi leader himself.

The programme of drum and fife music and marching and counter-marching presented by the military lasted for just over an hour, and concluded with a parade of members of the Home Guard, smart and precise in their movements.

Battle of Britain Relics.

The war trophies exhibition at Pierremont Gymnasium, Broadstairs, contained much to interest men, women and children, and throughout the week there was a steady flow of people inspecting the displays.

Artistically set out, the stands provided a good insight into the various branches of modern warfare and enabled the public to examine at their leisure Nazi bombs, some of the latest type of guns issued to the Army, and model aircraft.

The first stand was devoted entirely to pieces of German aircraft which had been shot down over this country, some of them during the Battle of Britain last year. There were various bits and pieces of British planes, too, a reminder of the losses which the R.A.F. encountered during their battles.

From relics of the German Air Force, the exhibits turned to a rather more grim feature—bombs and bullets which had fallen at the touch of a German airman's hand. Alongside two unexploded bombs, rendered harmless by the Disposal Squads, was a piece of silk taken from the parachute attached to a land mine.

Standing inconspicuously by the side of these exhibits was a stand devoted to souvenirs of the last war. There, too, were the remains of aircraft and bombs which landed in England during 1914-18. These reminders of the last war included the key of a room at the ex-Kaiser's Palace at Brecht.

A pleasing show had been arranged by the local Home Guard, who had on view some of the weapons with which they are equipped. Fearsome-looking Tommy guns, rifles and bayonets and machine guns are just some of the things which the Home Guard have in store for any invaders.

Much of the exhibition space was taken up by an excellent series of photographs loaned by the Ministry of Information, and yet another section was given up to a number of model aeroplanes made by Messrs. L. F. Taylor and K. Appleton, of St. Peter's, and P. and J. Bartlett, of Ramsgate. Suspended from the ceiling was a large model of a British fighter, the work of Mr. Taylor.

On Thursday evening a dance was held at the Pavilion, Garden-on-the-Sands, and for four hours a large number of people, including many in uniform, danced their cares away.

Those serving on the Broadstairs War Weapons Week Committee were Councillor B. J. Pearson (chairman), Councillors B. Humphrey, G. W. Lane and E. K. Minter, the Misses M. Wiles, F. H. Browne and C. Green, Mrs. M. K. Ward, Messrs. J. L. Davis, C. Grey, S. C. Haggis, B. L. Lodge, P. L. Hardman, G. R. Read, L. C. Beak, L. W. Bowman, R. E. Rowland, L. T. Shaw, Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, Capt. C. C. Wallace, Rev. C. H. Bailey, Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, and Mr. F. H. Ward, the energetic and enterprising honorary secretary.

AIRMAN SAVES SERVICES

WEAPONS WEEK CRICKET

In a Weapons Week cricket match at St. Augustine's Abbey playing field, Ramsgate, on Thursday, a team of sailors, soldiers and airmen narrowly averted defeat by the Ramsgate Police.

Batting first, the police raised a total of 170, to which the chief contributors were P/C J. Saunders (60) and P/C V. Honess (27).

At the close of play the Services team had lost 9 wickets for 86, a fighting innings of 48 not out by A/C Freeman, R.A.F., having saved the day. After playing himself in steadily he hit six fours.

An airman was also the most successful bowler for the Services, A/C Wraggett securing 4 wickets for 34 runs.

P/C Honess took 4 wickets for 33 runs and S/C Page 3 for 20.

Ramsgate Police

D/C F. Honey, b Freeman	12
P/C F. Slinn, b Freeman	7
P/C J. Saunders, st Bundy b Stewart	60
A/Sgt. T. Goatman, c Freeman b Wraggett	17
D/S Fortescue, c Freeman b Wraggett	12
P/C Honess, b Stewart	27
D/C Ashby, run out	0
A/C/I Hicks, st Bundy b Fane	3
S/C Page, not out	14
S/C Gilham, c Bonsor b Wraggett	4
A/Sgt. Jenner c Bundy b Wraggett	1
Extras	13
Total	170

Bowling: Wraggett, 4 for 34; Freeman, 2 for 29; Stewart, 2 for 15.

Combined Services

A/C Bonsor, c Page b Honess	10
A/C Sellars, c Fortescue b Honess	0
Sgt. Sharp, b Page	4
A/C Wraggett, b Honess	0
A/C Freeman, not out	48
Lt.-Cmdr. Stewart, run out	5
Lt.-Cmdr. Fane, c Ashby b Saunders	4
Pte. Acock, c Page b Honess	5
Bundy, b Page	2
Pte. Snook, b Page	0
Lt. Collop, not out	3
Extras	5
Total (for 9 wkts.)	86

Bowling: Honess, 4 for 33; Page, 3 for 20; Saunders, 1 for 11.

ODDFELLOWS' DARTS WINNERS

There was a good entry for the darts competition held at Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club on Tuesday.

The winner was Mr. Jim Bushell and the runner-up Mr. Norman Dawes.

Mrs. Tindall, one of several women competitors, reached the semi-final.

On the following night a large crowd attended the dance at the Oddfellows' Hall.

CYCLING CLUB SNOOKER

A War Weapons Week snooker handicap at Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club was won by Mr. A. S. Harman, who defeated Mr. H. E. Wright in the final.

SPORTING OFFICIAL

BROADSTAIRS PRESENTATION

A popular member of the office staff of Broadstairs Gas Co., Mr. Herbert Sidney Price, retired from the service of the company last week. Mr. Price, who lives at 20 Carlton-avenue, has been in the employ of the company for 21 years.

At a social evening held in the Club Room at the company's offices, on Saturday, a presentation of a fireside chair was made to him.

In making the presentation Mr. E. F. Smallbone, Engineer and Manager of the company, recalled that Mr. Price joined the staff six months before he himself did. On behalf of the members of the company he wished to make the presentation as a mark of appreciation for the good comradeship Mr. Price has always shown and to wish him good luck in his new venture.

In replying Mr. Price thanked all his late workmates for the chair and said that the years he had spent in the employ of the company had been very happy ones.

Mr. Price served in the great war in the 1st-5th Battalion East Surrey Regiment, in which he was made a sergeant-instructor of musketry and later company-quartermaster-sergeant. Many are the colourful tales he can relate of India and Mesopotamia, where he was posted for about two years. For 26 years he served in the Volunteer and Territorial army with the Queen's Westminsters and East Surrey Regiment. On the inauguration of the Home Guard Mr. Price was one of the first to join and he is now in his old position as "Quarter Bloke."

Always interested in shooting, he proved himself a very good shot, on three occasions shooting in the Kings Final 100 at Bisley and representing Wales in 15 International matches. He also has shot for Middlesex and Surrey in County matches and has won many other shooting trophies.

Mr. Price spent his early life in Wimbledon but after the great war, his health not being too good, he came to live in Broadstairs when he began to take an interest in the sporting activities in the town. Most people now associate him with bowls but the members of the old Broadstairs Football and Sports Club, now defunct, can tell how he put them through their paces when he acted as their trainer. He has held the position of secretary of the Thanet Bowls League for 16 years and has been captain, chairman and secretary of the Broadstairs Bowls Club. His earlier training on the shooting range gave him a good eye for bowls and he has played for Kent.

Gardening is one of his hobbies and for some years he was on the committee of the St. Peter's and Broadstairs Horticultural Society.

Serving on the "much sunk" Ark Royal as Warrant Supply Officer is Mr. Price's eldest son, who joined the Navy as a boy and worked his way up to that position.

INOPPORTUNE

Believing that the present is an inopportune time at which to consider the adoption of a scheme of grading, classification and salaries for officers "either in accordance with the recommendations of the Southern Home Counties Provincial Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Staffs or otherwise," Broadstairs Council have on the advice of the Finance Committee, deferred the matter for a year.

AWARDS OF EQUAL MERIT

Replying to a question in the House of Commons recently, about awards to pilots of the Royal Air Force, Capt. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, explained that the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Flying Medal are awarded for services of equal risk and bravery performed under similar conditions, and that the two decorations are of equal merit.

The D.F.M. is awarded to non-commissioned officers and aircraftmen, and the D.F.C. to officers and warrant officers—both for "exceptional valour courage or devotion to duty whilst flying in action operations against the enemy."

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Committee chairmen appointed by Broadstairs Council include Councillors E. K. Minter (Fire Brigade) and G. W. Lane (North Foreland Golf Course).

Councillor S. W. Fright has been elected vice-chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee.

Appeals from decisions of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade under the Discipline Rules will be dealt with by Councillors B. J. Pearson, Minter or Fright and F. Foster.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Price.—27th May, at 24 Hertford-road, Margate, the wife of Corpl. W. J. Price, of a son.

Reeves.—24th May, at Tregony, Bereweeke-road, Winchester, the wife of Ronald T. Reeves, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Doust—Fitch.—24th May, at St. Paul's, Wimbledon Park, Ronald Arthur Doust, of Margate to Betty Singleton, of Putney.

DEATHS

Austen.—22nd May, at 25 Upton-road, Broadstairs, Elizabeth Sarah Austen, aged 88 years.

Brown.—23rd May, at Tonbridge, Mary Jane Brown, formerly of 20 Sussex-street, Ramsgate, aged 68 years.

Cotton.—29th May, at Derby, Edwin Cotton, formerly of Napleton-road, Ramsgate, aged 71.

Hills.—At Hastings, in her sleep, Beatrice Ellen Hills, of 12 Augusta-road, Ramsgate.—At rest.

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Rowe wishes to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy and for beautiful floral tributes to her brother, Mr. W. H. Sandom, of Leinster Lodge, York-terrace, Ramsgate.
—1 Prospect-place, Wingham.

Sincerest thanks to all those friends, both inside the hospital as well as outside, who ministered their loving help to my dear wife during her last illness, also for the many floral tributes, and for the kindness and sympathy extended to me—Hubert H. Usher.

The sons and daughters of the late Mr. Edwin Cotton, Harbour Missionary of Ramsgate, wish to thank all friends for kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent. They also wish to thank the Vicar of Christ Church, the Sailors' Home Committee, and Mr. Maskell, who carried out the funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

Waldock.—In memory of Albert Edward Waldock, who passed away 27th May, 1937. "Always in our thoughts."
—Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Dolly, South Norwood.

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